

ANNUAL REPORT

Petroleum Retention Licences

PRL 180

PRL 181

PRL 182

Cooper Basin, South Australia

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1 Introduction

The Annual Report details the work conducted in Petroleum Retention Licences (*PRLs*) 180, 181 and 182 in the South Australian Cooper Basin for the twelve months from 20 November 2015 to 19 November 2016. This Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (the Act)*.

The Department of State Development (DSD) has approved a request to amalgamate the annual reports for PRLs 180, 181 and 182 into a single annual report pursuant to Regulations 33(1) and 33(6) of the Act.

2 Licence Summary

PRL 180 and PRL 181 were awarded to Acer Energy Pty Ltd, effective 20 November 2015, for a period of 5 years. PRL 182 was awarded effective 20 November 2015 to

Acer Energy Pty Limited (Operator)
 Bengal Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd
 25%

PRLs covered in this Annual Report				
PRL No.	PRL Grant Date	PRL Holder		
180	20 November 2015	Acer Energy Pty Limited 100%		
181	20 November 2015	Acer Energy Pty Limited 100%		
182	20 November 2015	Acer Energy Pty Limited 75% Bengal Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd 25%		

The authorised operations for the PRLs are provided in licence condition no. 4 which states that during the term, the licencees are authorised to carry out in the licence area:

- exploratory and appraisal operations for relevant regulated resources;
- operations to establish the nature and extent of a discovery of regulated resources; and to establish the commercial feasibility of production and appropriate production techniques; and
- such other regulated activities as are approved by the Minister from time to time in the licence.

The minimum work program commitment for the PRLs is provided in licence condition no. 12 of the PRL licence instrument and requires the license to carry out Eligible Activity (defined in the PRL licence instrument) commensurate to expenditure of \$12.33 per square kilometres of the Group Subject Area (defined in the PRL licence instrument) per day.

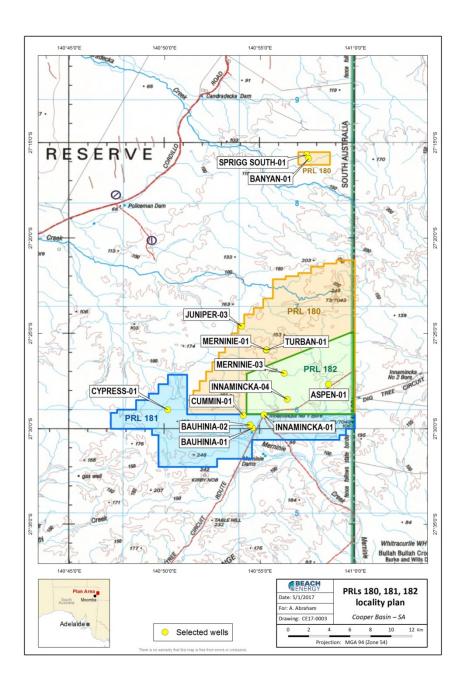


Figure 1: Map of PRL locations

3 Regulated Activities

Pursuant to Regulations 33(3)(a) An annual report must include "a summary of the regulated activities conducted under the licence during the year"

No regulated activities were undertaken in in the group area during the reporting period.

4 Compliance Issues

Pursuant to Regulations 33(3)(b) & (c) An annual report must include -

"a report for the year on compliance with the Act, these regulations, the licence and any relevant statement of environmental objectives:" and

"a statement concerning any action to rectify non compliance with obligations imposed by the Act, these regulations or the licence, and to minimise the likelihood of recurrence of any such non-compliances."

4.1 Licence and Regulatory Compliance

There were no cases of non-compliance with the *Petroleum Geothermal Energy Act 2000*, the *Petroleum Geothermal Energy Regulations 2013*, the licence conditions or the relevant Statements of Environmental Objects (SEO) during the reporting period.

4.2 Compliance with Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO)

As no on ground activities were undertaken during the reporting period, there were no instances of non-compliance with the SEO.

5 Management System Audits

Pursuant to Regulation 33(3)(d) An annual report must include-

"a summary of any management system audits undertaken during the relevant licence year including information on any failure or deficiency identified by the audit and any corrective actions that has, or will be taken".

No management system audits specific to PRL 180, PRL 181 or PRL 182 were undertaken during the licence year.

6 Report and Data Submissions

Pursuant to Regulation 33(3)(e)(i) An annual report must include -

"a list of all reports and data relevant to the operation of the Act generated by the licensee during the licence year".

No reports or data submissions specific to PRLs 180, 181 or 182 were made during the reporting period.

7 Incidents

Pursuant to Regulation 33(3)(f) An annual report must include -

"In relation to any incidents reported to the Minister under the Act and these Regulations during the relevant licence year -

- (i) an overall assessment and analysis of the incidents, including the identification and analysis of any trends that have emerged; and
- (ii) an overall assessment of the effectiveness of any action taken to rectify noncompliance with obligations imposed by the Act, these regulations or the licence, or to minimise the risk of recurrence of any such non-compliance".

There were no serious incidents during the reporting period within PRLs 180, 181 or 182. A serious incident is defined in section 85(1) of the Act.

There were no reportable incidents during the reporting period within PRLs 180, 181 or 182. A reportable incident is defined in section 85(1) and Regulation 32 of the Act.

8 Threat Prevention

Pursuant to Regulation 33(3)(g) An annual report must include -

"a report on any reasonably foreseeable threats (other than threats previously reported on) that reasonably present, or may present, a hazard to facilities or activities under the licence, and a report on any corrective action that has, or will be taken".

There are no new threats to report.

9 Future Work Program

Pursuant to Regulation 33(3)(h) An annual report must include -

"unless the relevant licence year is the last year in which the licence is to remain in force - a statement outlining operations proposed for the ensuing year".

Pursuant to Regulation 33(3)(j) An annual report must include -

"in the case of a production licence - an assessment of the development activities proposed to be undertaken under the licence, including the number of completion reports that are expected to occur, during the ensuing licence year, or such longer period as the Minister may require".

	Proposed Work Program		
PRL	Proposed Work Program		
PRL 181	Cypress-1 well abandonment		

10 Expenditure Statement

Pursuant to Regulation 33(4)

"An annual report must be accompanied by a statement of expenditure on regulated activities conducted under the licence for the relevant licence year."

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the expenditure statement for the current reporting period.