



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 2003, No. 31*

Regulations under the *Petroleum Act*

I, JOHN CHRISTOPHER ANICTOMATIS, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Petroleum Act*.

Dated 30 May 2003.

C. J. ANICTOMATIS
Administrator

By His Honour's Command

PETER TOYNE
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General
acting for and on behalf of the
Minister for Business, Industry and Resource Development

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AMENDMENTS OF PETROLEUM REGULATIONS

1. Commencement

These Regulations come into operation on the day on which, but immediately after, the *Petroleum Amendment Act 2003* commences.

2. New regulation

The Petroleum Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 4 the following:

"5. Datums: application of *Petroleum (Datum) Regulations 2002* of the Commonwealth

"(1) In this regulation –

'Commonwealth Regulations' means the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Datum) Regulations 2002* of the Commonwealth as in force from time to time other than regulation 5(4) of those Regulations or a regulation (if any) as in force from time to time after the commencement of the *Petroleum Amendment Act 2003* that re-enacts, whether with or without modification, that regulation.

"(2) The Commonwealth Regulations are incorporated as part of these Regulations and, subject to subregulation (3), apply as a law of the Territory as part of these Regulations.

"(3) The Commonwealth Regulations apply and have force in the Territory as if –

- (a) an expression in the Commonwealth Regulations that is the same as an expression defined in the Act has the same meaning as in the Act;
- (b) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to a provision of the *Petroleum Act 1967* of the Commonwealth is a reference to the corresponding provision of the Act;
- (c) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to the Designated Authority is a reference to the Minister;
- (d) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to a title is a reference to a petroleum interest or to a permit or lease granted or renewed under the repealed Act;
- (e) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to a permit is a reference to an exploration permit;

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- (f) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to a permit area is a reference to an exploration permit area;
 - (g) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to a lease is a reference to a lease granted or renewed under the repealed Act;
 - (h) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to a lease area is a reference to the area in respect of which a lease was granted or renewed under the repealed Act; and
 - (i) a reference in the Commonwealth Regulations to the area in respect of which an access authority is in force is a reference to an access authority area."
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