



**SECTION 1.13.1 - UIL ENERGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT**

**EPBC ACT REFERRAL**

**OCEAN HILL 3D SEISMIC SURVEY, ONSHORE, PERTH BASIN, WA**

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## INTRODUCTION

Oceanhill Pty Ltd (Oceanhill), a 100% subsidiary of UIL Energy Limited (UIL Energy), is the current registered title holder of Exploration Permit EP495 (the 'Permit').

The Permit was initially granted to BlackRock Mining (formerly Greenrock Energy) on 16 May 2016 and subsequently transferred to Oceanhill Pty Ltd under a Permit Sales Agreement, registered on 25 August 2016. On 09 September 2016, UIL Energy Limited acquired Oceanhill Pty Ltd and a 100% interest in EP495.

The following documentation has been prepared by UIL Energy Ltd on behalf of Oceanhill Pty Ltd. For simplicity, references to UIL Energy throughout this correspondence also refer to Oceanhill Pty Ltd, as the case may be.

## UIL ENERGY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

UIL Energy has commenced a consultation process with key stakeholders, including relevant State government authorities, local government authorities, Native Title groups, community and landholders and other interested third parties and organisations. UIL will continue to consult with identified stakeholders on all aspects of operations.

The following stakeholders have been identified as relevant to the project activities and require consultation throughout planning, approval and operational stages:

Stakeholder	Key Interests
Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), Petroleum Tenure Division	Administration of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 1967. Petroleum Permit Program of Works and Permit conditions
Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), Safety Division	Safety Management System and Safety Plan
Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), Environment Division	Administration of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources (Environment) Regulations 2012 Environmental Plan Administration of a Clearing Permit under the Part V (Native Vegetation Clearing Permit) of the Environmental Protection Act 1986. Administration of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DMP/OEPA in regard to pre-referral consultation and project referral to the OEPA. Environmental Management Plan and Rehabilitation Plan
Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA).	Administration of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act).
Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW).	Administration of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 (WC Act). Administering agreement between the DMP and the DPAW regarding DPAW advice on flora, fauna and habitat conservation.
Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA)	Administration of the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> Native title and indigenous requirements. Heritage sites.

Stakeholder	Key Interests
South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council (SWALSC) and Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC)	Heritage Protection Agreement Exploration Agreement
The Amangu People and the Yued People	Heritage Protection Agreement Exploration Agreement
Department of Water (DoW)	Administration of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 and the Waterways Conservation Act 1976. Beds and Banks Permit
Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).	Emergency services. Fire restrictions
Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA).	Use of public roads
Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE).	Administration of the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). Referral and assessment of environmental impact assessments of matters of national environmental significance.
Shires of Coorow and Carmanah	Use of public roads, services and infrastructure
Landholders	Land Access and Compensation Agreement
APA Group (Parmelia pipeline) and DBNG Pipeline Ltd	Approvals to cross the pipeline Dial Before You Dig
Terrex Seismic	Seismic survey contractor

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Stakeholder engagement with State Departments, Local Government Authorities, Native Title groups and Landholders for the Oceanhill 3D Seismic Programme commenced in 2013 (Greenrock Energy). UIL Energy, has since developed and implemented a stakeholder engagement strategy in accordance with Regulation 17 of the PGER Act 1967 and the Guideline for the Development of Petroleum and Geothermal Environment Plans in WA, 2016. The Principles of UIL Energy's stakeholder engagement strategy include:

- **Communication** – Communication must be open, accessible, clearly defined, two-way and appropriate.
- **Transparency** – The process and outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement should, wherever possible, be made open and transparent, agreed upon and documented.
- **Collaboration** – A co-operative and collaborative approach to seek mutually beneficial outcomes is considered key to effective engagement.
- **Inclusiveness** – Inclusiveness involves identifying and involving communities and stakeholders early and throughout the process, in an appropriate manner.
- **Integrity** – Community and stakeholder engagement should establish and foster mutual trust and respect.

These principles have been adapted from the Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources (MCMPR) Principles for Engagement with Communities and Stakeholders (2005).

The outcomes of UIL Energy's stakeholder engagement strategy are recorded in UIL Energy's Stakeholder Consultation Register. Consultation to date has predominately comprised of meetings and correspondence with a number of State Departments, Local Government Authorities, Traditional Owners, Landholders and other organisations.

UIL Energy is committed to ongoing stakeholder identification, communication, engagement and consultation through all phases of the Project.

Key engagement to date is summarised in the accompanying Table.

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE PROTECTION – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Within EP495 there are two (2) registered Native Title Parties, the Amangu People and the Yued People, refer to *Attachment 1 – Figure 5: Land tenure*.

Oceanhill Pty Ltd have executed Exploration Agreements with both Native Title Parties for EP495. The Exploration Agreements set in place the required processes, protocols and commercial terms relative to conducting petroleum exploration activities within EP495 and the respective Native Title Claim areas.

For the Ocean Hill 3D Seismic Programme, the provisions of the Exploration Agreements require consultation for both the on-ground ecological survey (consistent with the definition of a "Low Impact Activity" [LOA]) under the Exploration Agreements) and the 3D Seismic Survey.

Oceanhill Pty Ltd provided the requisite prior notice of the on-ground ecological survey to both Native Title parties in October 2016. The Notice set out the nature and location of the survey, to assist both Native Title parties in assessing whether they had any 'reasonable concern' that the proposed on-ground ecological survey may impact or disturb an Aboriginal Site or Area of Cultural Concern. Neither Native Title Party indicated they had any such reasonable concern.

For the 3D Seismic Survey the consultation process requires a notice of the proposed seismic activity be provided to each Native Title Party prior to the commencement of the proposed activity, discussion with those Native Title parties, and the establishment of a Seismic Activity Monitoring Team. For a seismic survey commencing early Q1/2018, the Notice of Seismic Activity and the ensuing consultation must commence by the beginning of Q4/2017.

UIL Energy are committed to the preservation of Indigenous cultural heritage and artefacts. To meet this commitment UIL Energy will ensure UIL Energy operations and activities are carried out with due consideration to relevant Cultural Heritage legislation and to areas of cultural significance and that all workers, contractors and UIL Energy personnel are aware of their obligations in this regard. In particular:

- to never disturb or remove any items of cultural significance (eg. skeletal remains, stone artefact scatters, stone tools, shell middens, scarred trees, stone arrangements and rock art),
- to immediately report discoveries of items of cultural significance to the Native Title Party and the UIL Energy Site Representative who shall in turn report the findings to the Native Title Representative Body, the Heritage Council of Western Australia and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA);
- to ensure that in the event a discovery is made, that all workers stop work immediately, immediately report to the Native Title Party the location of the object, document the discovery with photos if able, mark the site (record the grid reference) and report the findings to the UIL Site Representative. Under no circumstances, do not take possession of or move any Aboriginal Object or undertake any activity that interferes with, damages, disturbs, alters or impacts upon an Aboriginal Object or an Area of Cultural Concern; and
- to give due consideration to cultural heritage issues and their significance in the wider community.

### **UIL ENERGY STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION REGISTER**

Stakeholder	Consultations	Date	Key Outcomes
<b>Permit Background</b>			
GreenRock Energy (GR)	DMP awarded Green Rock Energy preferred applicant status for for STP-EPA-0090	14 March 2013	GreenRock Energy changed its name to BlackRock Mining (BRM) on 25 March 2013
BRM/Eneabba Gas (Eneabba) /Oceanhill Pty Ltd (OH)	Oceanhill Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Eneabba Gas) and BRM initiate a Sale Agreement for STP-EPA-0090 (EP495)	24 October 2014	The agreement is subject to the grant of Permit to BRM.
DMP/ BRM	Exploration Permit	16 May 2016	EP495 was granted to BlackRock Mining.
UIL Energy (UIL)/ Eneabba/ DMP Tenure Division	To discuss EP495 (Ocean Hill) transfer from Eneabba to UIL	03 August 2016 Meeting	DMP indicated that the permit transfer documents (BRM to OH) are finalised and subject to the Ministerial approval to be finalised mid-week beginning 8th of August 2016.
BRM/Eneabba/OH	Sale Agreement – EP495 – BRM to Oceanhill is finalised. (registered DMP 25 August 2016)	17 August 2016	Oceanhill acquire EP495 from BlackRock Mining.
DMP	EP495 permit transfer from BRM to Oceanhill Pty Ltd is approved by the delegate of the Minister	17 August 2016 Email	The approval of permit transfer outlines requirements/ work activities that the Permittee is required to cover in the first year of the firm period.
UIL/Eneabba Oceanhill	Sale Agreement between UIL Energy and Eneabba Gas – UIL Energy acquire Oceanhill Pty Ltd	9 September 2016	UIL Energy acquire a 100% interest in Oceanhill Pty Ltd (& EP495).
<b>Consultation</b>			
BRM/ Ecologia	Desktop (flora and fauna) assessment is completed	October 2013	The desktop assessment included a reconnaissance survey undertaken by Ecologia Environmental Consultants (Ecologia).
BRM/ Ecologia	Preliminary (draft) Environmental Plan was prepared.	Mid-September 2013	The EP was not finalised due to issues with the permit grant.
BRM/ Ecologia	On-ground ecological (flora/fauna) survey was planned	17-20 September 2013	Ecologia began contacting relevant landholders directly to arrange land access for the on-ground ecological (flora/fauna) survey. As the permit had not been granted however, GR did not proceed with the ecological survey.
UIL /Astron Environmental Services	UIL requested Astron to prepare a proposal to conduct an on-ground ecological survey	09 August 2016 Meeting	Astron provided preliminary scope of works and estimates on 15 August 2016.
Ecologia/ UIL	To discussed available data and scope of works of the proposed ecological survey	12 August 2016 Meeting	Ecologia provided indicatives on 15 August 2016. Ecologia was subsequently selected to undertake the on-ground ecological survey based on their prior work and knowledge of the project.
UIL / KD1	Discussions re land advisory services for EP495	25 August 2016	KD1 available to assist with land advisory services, initially to arrange landholder access for the on-ground eco survey.
UIL/ Ecologia	Ocean Hill – reconnaissance survey to finalise scope of works for the proposed on-ground ecological survey	06 September 2016	No significant environmental sensitivities were observed.
UIL/ Ecologia	UIL finalised formal request for the on-ground ecological survey	12 September 2016	Scope of works for the ecological survey was finalised. Indicative time to conduct the ecological survey set as mid-October at the latest due to early rainfall this year, subject to land access.
UIL/ G&G consultants	Review and justification of the initial 3D SS program	28 September 2016	3DSS layout was changed due to environmental considerations; landholder

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	and layout		details revised.
YMAC/SWALSC	UIL provided advice to YMAC (for the Amangu People) and the SWALSC (for the Yued People) on proposed ecological survey	02 October 2016	In accordance with EAs UIL notified Amangu People and Yued People on proposed ecological survey. No concerns were raised from both parties.
UIL/ KD1	UIL initiated land access for the ecological survey with landholders	11 October 2016	UIL provided land access package to affected landholders including a letter of introduction, a factsheet on 3D seismic surveys, a map showing the proposed area of the ecological survey on individual landholder properties and a Permit-to-Enter form.
DPAW/ UIL	To introduce the proposed layout and discuss potential environmental constraints and proposed scope of works for an on-ground ecological survey	03 November 2016 Meeting	DPAW advised that UCL reserves are not under the DPAW jurisdiction as they are not declared as a conservation reserve. DPAW appreciated revised layout of the 3D SS, 500m buffer from conservation land and proposed mulching techniques. DPAW advised that indirect impacts on nearby conservation land should be addressed in EP.
Landholders /KD1/UIL	Land access for an on-ground ecological survey	11 October 2016 – 12 December 2016	On-going communication, negotiation and finalisation of land access arrangements with Landholders for the on-ground ecological survey. Contact established through KD1, via phone, email, and site visitations - both prior to and during the on-ground ecological assessment activities; the later co-ordinated with Ecologia.
DMP, Tenure and Land Access	Land access notification	09 December 2016 Email	UIL notified the DMP of upcoming ecological survey on UCL.
Shire of Coorow	Land Access notification	09 December 2016 Email	UIL notified the Shire of upcoming ecological survey on UCL.
Ecologia	On-ground ecological survey	13 December 2016	Ecologia to commence the on-ground ecological survey.
Ecologia	On-ground ecological survey	21 December 2016	Ecological survey was completed. Final report will be issued to UIL in mid-March 2017.
DMP/UIL	6 month permit report in accordance with requirements of the Petroleum Exploration Permit EP495.	07 February 2017	UIL provided a progress report to DMP and requested a meeting to discuss progress on UIL works program commitments. The report covers the period August 2016 to December 2016 and demonstrates the work that has commenced or completed in relation to the permit work commitment program.
DMP Tenure, Safety and Environment Divisions	UIL provided 6 month period update to DMP in accordance with requirements of the Application for approval of EP495, dated 25 Aug 2016	15 February 2017 Meeting	DMP noted and provided their observations in regard to tenure /environment / heritage and safety management.
DOW, Geraldton Office	Beds and Banks permit	24 March 2017	UIL provided maps and locations of 3D SS lines. DOW will advise whether the permit is required.
Empire Oil & Gas NL (Empire)	Ingress Agreement and survey application	27 March 2017	Provided to Empire for consideration. The Ingress Agreement was executed on 19 May 2017.
DOW, Geraldton Office	Beds and Banks permit	30 March 2017	DOW advised that while some of the survey area does coincide with the

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		Email	proclaimed surface water area of the Hill River, a permit from the Department of Water will not be required. This is based on the information provided in the briefing note, which states there will be no clearing of riparian vegetation and no other type of interference with watercourses.
Ecologia	On-ground ecological survey	12 April 2017	Ecologia provided On-ground Ecological Survey Final Report to UIL. Results of the survey were incorporated into the EP.
UIL/ DMP Environment	Environmental Plan	13 April 2017	UIL submitted to DMP an Environmental Plan for the Ocean Hill 3D Seismic Survey. The Plan includes Oil Spill Contingency Plan, Rehabilitation Plan and the on-ground ecological survey report.
DMP, Petroleum Tenure Division	Application to conduct 3D seismic survey in WA.	13 April 2017	An application for approval to conduct the OH 3D SS (EP495) was submitted to DMP for assessment. The application was subsequently re-lodged on 22 May to include an Access Authority request into EP454.
DMP, Petroleum Tenure Division	Exploration Petroleum Permit Terms extension	13 April 2017	UIL Energy submitted a request for a 12mth suspension to the Year 1 & Year 2 work program commitments & extension of the EP495 Permit Term.
DMP Environment	Environmental Plan - request for further information	12 May 2017	DMP issued a request for further information including the DEE decision details and outcomes of referral under the EPBC Act.
DoW / DMP	Environmental Plan referral	12 May 2017	DMP have commenced consultation with the Department of Water in accordance with the DOW/DMP administrative agreement
OEPA/DMP	Environmental Plan referral	12 May 2017	In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the DMP and the Office of the Environment Protection Authority (OEPA), DMP have commenced consultation with the OEPA.
DMP, Petroleum Tenure Division	Application to conduct the OH 3D Seismic Survey	22 May 2017	UIL Energy submitted a replacement application for approval to conduct the OH3DSS to DMP for assessment, along with an Access Authority Request into EP454.