

PNG Guideline 15 November 2003

Application for Forced Pooling

- 1. An application under section 30 of *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act* shall include the following:
 - (a) A detailed description of the lands for which the pooling is requested including:
 - (i) a list of all the mineral and working interest owners involved by percentage interest;
 - (ii) details of trusts, farm-ins and lease agreements.

NOTE: A separate application must be submitted for each drainage unit, however, where there is common undivided interest within a section or portion thereof, a single application for several drainage units would be satisfactory.

- (b) A detailed description of the geological potential of the lands in question with respect to:
 - (i) potential producing zones and potential hydrocarbons;
 - (ii) the locations of proposed wells and whether they will be drilled within the designated target areas;
 - (iii) description of the production potential of any existing and abandoned wells;
 - (iv) discussion of the potential for infill drilling, waterflooding and enhanced oil recovery.
- (c) Detailed reasons why a voluntary pooling cannot be achieved including:
 - (i) dates of meetings, telephone conversations, etc. where the issue of pooling was discussed between the respective parties;
 - (ii) if negotiations had been conducted, details of the final positions of parties involved.

NOTE: If adequate attempts have not been made by the applicant to negotiate voluntary pooling, in the opinion of the department, then the application will be deferred pending such voluntary negotiations.

- (d) A commitment from the applicant that he is prepared to drill a well on the drainage unit in question and, in the event that no oil or gas is obtained, he will pay all costs incurred in the drilling and abandonment of the well.
 - NOTE: If an owner refuses to pool his interest, the costs of drilling and operation including any surcharge, are recoverable only from that owner's share of production.
- (e) A proposal for the drilling of a well, if a well has not yet been drilled. A proposal for the operation of the well must also be included.
- (f) A proposal for the payment by the owners of the actual cost of the drilling and operating the well and the manner in which the payment shall be made. If a well has already been drilled, actual costs must be submitted in detail.
- (g) A proposal for a surcharge to be levied against an owner who fails to pay his portion of the cost of drilling the well. The surcharge shall not exceed two times that amount.
- (h) A proposal for allocating production from the drainage unit to each mineral and working interest owner.
- 2. The submission shall be in written and illustrated form, signed by an officer of the company making the application.
- 3. The applicant shall provide a copy of the submission to each of the mineral and working interest owners involved.
- 4. Submit two (2) copies of each application to:

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5. For further information contact Mike Montenegro at (306) 787-4285.