

# NOPSA

## A weekly message from the CEO

### N<sup>o</sup> 7

#### PLEASE PASS TO ALL CONCERNED

This is the seventh in the series of messages aimed at keeping you informed on what is happening in the establishment of the new National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA). In the CEO's absence, please find below this week's updates.

#### **Regulations**

The Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Act 2003 Regulations which give effect to the NOPSA cost recovery regime will be submitted to the Executive Council Secretariat for consideration at the first meeting of the Executive Council following the Election. This is now expected to be toward the end of October.

#### **NOPSA Board**

The various processes to appoint the NOPSA Board have now been completed. The Board has 7 members, (including a chair), and their appointment was agreed by all Governments, via the Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources. The role of the Board is to give advice and make recommendations to the:

- CEO,
- Commonwealth Minister,
- responsible State and Northern Territory Ministers and,
- Ministerial Council on Mineral and Petroleum Resources.

The Board members are:

#### Barry Adams

Started oil and gas career with Esso Australia in 1980 in a variety of maintenance, construction, and operations supervisory and management roles in Australia and the UK. Joined Woodside in 1992. Following a three-year secondment to Shell Expro in the UK, appointed Offshore Operations Manager for Woodside's North West Shelf Ventures (NWSV), May 1995 to May 2000. General Manager of Woodside's South-Eastern Australia Business Unit, August 2000 and Acting Director Australian Gas from November 2000 to June 2001.

#### Bob Alderson

Formerly a Commonwealth public servant, and head of the Energy and Environment Division, he was Deputy Chair of the Pipeline Authority, and a former member of the Governing Board of the International Energy Authority.

#### Dale Bond

Worked for the last 24 years in the oil industry, four years as an Onshore Operations Technician and twenty years as an Offshore Operations Technician - elected Offshore Health and Safety Representative for the last 16 years. Member of National Oil and Gas Safety Advisory Committee for 18 months.

#### Peter Coghlan

Currently External Affairs Manager for the Gorgon LNG project. Formerly platform operations manager of the Woodside operated North Rankin platform. Experience as Offshore Installation Manager in North Sea in the Shell operated Brent field and formerly manager Safety and Environment in the petroleum division of WA Government. Currently a member of the National Oil and Gas Safety Advisory Committee.

### Meg Cornelius

Professional non-executive Company Director. Chairman and CEO, Expertise Australia and Expertise Technology, corporate advisory and technology project companies. Corporate Advisor by invitation through Expertise Australia Group. Formerly a senior manager in QANTAS and board member of Civil Aviation Safety Authority, (CASA).

### Margaret Donnan

Manager, Regulatory Affairs for the Plastics and Chemical Industry Association, (PACIA). Led the establishment of the Victorian Major Hazards Division in response to the 1998 Esso Longford incident. Developed and implemented new safety case regulations to give effect to government policy, and developed and implemented strategic prevention programs, to improve safety at major hazard facilities across the state.

### Robert King

Consultant – last position (1994-2003), Manager licensing, safety and environment regulation of offshore petroleum operations - Victorian Department of Natural Resources and Environment/Primary Industries (NRE/DPI).

### **Administration**

Recruitment of executive assistants for the CEO and team leaders is almost complete. Recruitment of finance, human resource and computing/records staff is also well underway. All positions should be filled by October 1, 2004.

### **Accommodation.**

Is on track for completion by 1 October, 2004.

Regards,

### **Alice Gibson**

On behalf of

### **John Clegg**

**Chief Executive Officer**  
**National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority**

For the time being, my contact details are:

Phone: +61 2 6276 1539

Fax: +61 2 6213 7950

Email: [john.clegg@industry.gov.au](mailto:john.clegg@industry.gov.au)