

QUARANTINE EXPERT PANEL

SUMMARY OF MEETING #9

Date: 24th August 2009, 9.00am to 12.00pm
Location: QV1 Building, Level 17 – Conference Room 17:04
Subject: Gorgon Quarantine Expert Panel – Meeting #9
Attendees: All panel members other than those for whom apologies are noted.
Apologies: Dr Julia Martin, Dr Stephanie Turner, Mr Richard Stoklosa, Mr Graham Anderson, Mr Bill Bardsley and Prof. Mal Nairn

Review and endorse final Gorgon QMS

Chevron Australia provided the Panel with an explanation of the changes that had occurred to the QMS since the last revision. There had been more extensive changes to the QMS (overview document) than had been expected at this late stage of development. The changes had been made as a result of internal review to ensure the QMS document conformed to the internal Gorgon Management Plan Template, which had been updated to reflect the requirements of Commonwealth approval and other matters. While the majority of the technical content of the QMS document that related to quarantine management had not been altered, the generic project information and document structure had been amended to reflect the revised Template and maintain consistency with the other Ministerial Management Plans.

Except for the Template changes the majority of the QMS document content remained the same and contained the amendments requested by the Panel at its last meeting. Chevron confirmed that no changes had been made to the manner in which quarantine management would be undertaken and the many supporting documents, procedures or guidelines etc remained unchanged.

It was noted by the Panel that as a result of these changes the QMS document was more easily read and understood. However, due to the changes contained throughout the QMS document the Panel went through each section, confirming the amended text and suggesting improved wording where necessary.

Review and endorse final Advice to Minister and Proponent

The Panel reviewed the Advice to the Minister and Proponent during the meeting, working through each section of the Advice. A number of minor edits was incorporated during the meeting as well as a number of more substantive edits.

Other Business

The Panel briefly discussed the requirements of Statement No. 769 Condition 9, which requires the Proponent to establish and seek the advice of a quarantine expert panel, and specifically the footnote that states “*Subject to its agreement, the Gorgon QEP established by Condition 9 of Ministerial Statement No. 748 may be engaged by the Proponent in respect of this condition.*”. Recognising that Chevron Australia would become the Proponent for Statement No. 769, and as the QMS included reference to the Jansz Feed Gas Pipeline, the Panel agreed to also function in the capacity of the Quarantine Expert Panel required by Statement No. 769 Condition 9.