

SCHEDULE 2

Model clauses for petroleum exploration and development licences

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Licence the following expressions have the following meanings—

“the Act” means the Petroleum Act 1998;

“Block” means an area comprised in this licence which is delineated on the reference map deposited at the office of the Department of Energy and Climate Change, London, SW1;

“Development Area” means a Development Area described in an approval notice under clause 19(2)(a) of this licence or, where appropriate, a notice approving an amendment to a Development Area under clause 19(5) of this licence;

“Development Scheme” has the meaning given to it in clause 28;

“Half Year” means the period from 1st January to 30th June in any year and the period from 1st July to 31st December in any year;

“Initial Term” means the period specified as such in Schedule 5 to this licence;

“the Licensed Area” means the area for the time being in which the Licensee may exercise the rights granted by this licence;

“the Licensee” means the person or persons to whom this licence is granted (specified as such in Schedule 4 to this Licence), his personal representatives and any person or persons to whom the rights conferred by this licence may lawfully have been assigned;

“the Minister” means the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change;

“Methane Drainage Licence” means a licence to get natural gas in the course of operations for making and keeping safe mines whether or not disused;

“Oil Field” has the meaning given to it in clause 28;

“Petroleum” includes any mineral oil or relative hydrocarbon and natural gas existing in its natural condition in strata but does not include coal or bituminous shales or other stratified deposits from which oil can be extracted by destructive distillation;

“Production Period” means the period specified as such in Schedule 5 to this Licence;

“Retention Area” means a Retention Area described in an approval notice under clause 16(1) of this licence or, where appropriate, a notice approving an amendment to Retention Area under clause 16(6) of this licence;

“Second Term” means the period specified as such in Schedule 5 to this licence;

“source-rock production” has the meaning given to it in clause 19(7);

“Start Date” means the date specified as such in Schedule 5 to this licence;

“Well” includes borehole; and

“Work Programme” means the programme set out in Schedule 3 to this licence.

(2) Any obligations which are to be observed and performed by the Licensee shall at any time at which the Licensee is more than one person be joint and several obligations.