

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES

5. In respect of all blocks listed in Schedules 2 and 4:

- (a) applications should be made on a standard application form available from the Department of Trade and Industry;
- (b) applications should be delivered between 0930 and 1200 hours on Tuesday, 15th December 1992, or between 0930 and 1200 hours on Wednesday, 16th December 1992, to the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Trade and Industry at 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE, together with a remittance in respect of the appropriate application fee of £3,700;
- (c) no applications will be accepted after 1200 hours on Wednesday, 16th December 1992;
- (d) applicants are requested to indicate where possible any preference they attach to the blocks applied for and should indicate if blocks applied for are alternatives;
- (e) applicants are requested to provide details of the work programme they propose to carry out if awarded a licence;
- (f) applicants should note that they are requested to submit a statement of their policy with regard to health and safety and, for the first time, to submit a statement of their policy with regard to the environment;
- (g) further guidance on the material with which applicants may support their applications is given in Guidance Notes available from the Department of Trade and Industry;
- (h) copies of documents referred to in the text of this notice as being available from the Department of Trade and Industry may be obtained from the Licensing Branch (Room 3.2M.23), Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE (Telephone No. 071-238 3211/3212).

6. Applicants will be judged against the background of the continuing need for expeditious, thorough, efficient and safe exploration to identify oil and gas resources on the UK Continental Shelf, with due regard to environmental considerations. The financial and technical capacity of each applicant will be established as far as possible before competing applications are evaluated. Applicants must also meet a threshold of acceptability for other criteria, including technical competence, health and safety and environmental policies. Once these threshold criteria have been met, applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following technical criteria:

- the quality of geological analysis related to the block being applied for and the identification of prospects (including whether work done was innovative);
- the quality of the work programme submitted for evaluating the full potential of the block;
- the experience or technical databases (e.g. of relevant seismic data) of applicants in each applicant group.

The first two of these criteria will be given predominant weight. Where applicants hold or have held licences, their overall record on exploration and exploitation may also be taken into account, but no preference will be given to such licensees as a result of holding or having held a licence.

7. The Secretary of State will be prepared to consider requests from companies that unlicensed blocks in frontier areas of the United Kingdom Continental Shelf not listed in Schedules 2 and 4 should also be advertised for offer. Frontier areas that may be offered include the South West Approaches (Quadrants 72-75), the Malin Basin (Quadrants 124, 125, 134 and 135), and other areas west of Scotland (i.e. north of 58 N and west of 5 W). Nominations of blocks in such areas should be submitted by 2nd October 1992.

8. Blocks nominated under paragraph 7 above which it is possible to release for licensing will be advertised for offer by Gazette Notice. The terms for such blocks may differ from those advertised in this notice (see paragraphs 2 and 3 above).

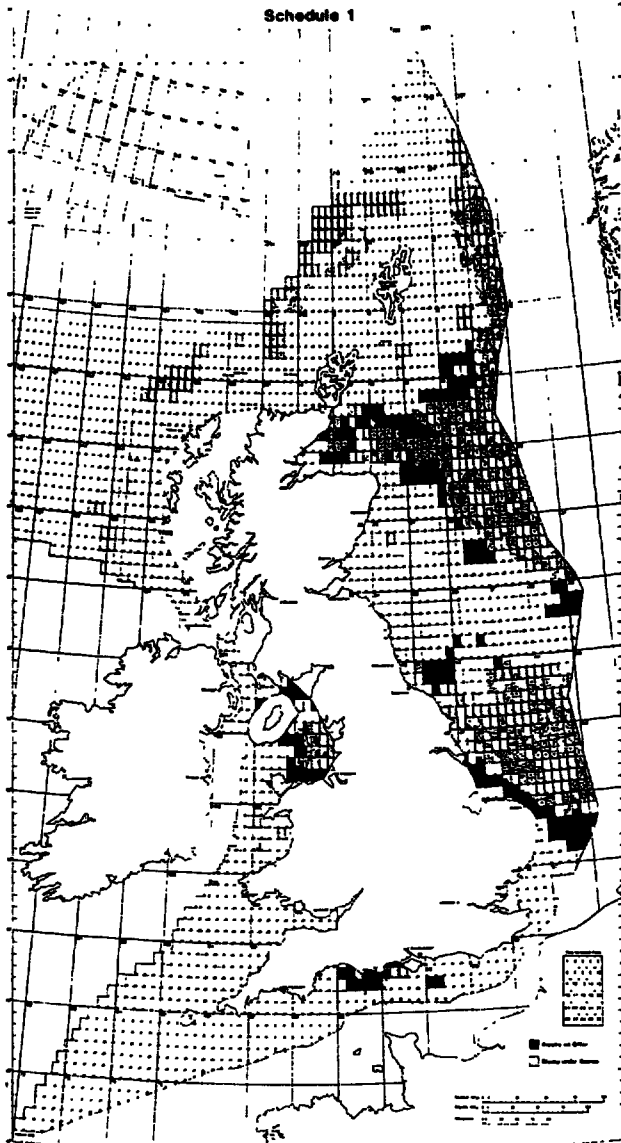
9. Following examination of all applications the Secretary of State will select the applicants to whom he is prepared to award licences. If there are two or more applicants for a block who would be equally acceptable to the Secretary of State as licensees for that block he may suggest that the licence should be held jointly by some or all of such applicants.

10. The selected applicants will be offered licences on condition that within 14 working days of the date on which the Secretary of State makes the offer of an award:

- (a) they confirm acceptance of a work programme proposed by the Secretary of State following discussion with the applicants concerned;
- (b) they remit to the Secretary of State the appropriate payment referred to in paragraph 3(a) above; and
- (c) they confirm in writing that they accept any special conditions or restrictions of the sort referred to in paragraph 4 above.

11. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

UNITED KINGDOM CONTINENTAL SHELF
14th ROUND OF OFFSHORE LICENSING
Schedule 1



SCHEDULE 2

Standard licence terms will apply to all of the blocks listed below. Details of special conditions which may apply to the blocks listed will be made available by the Department of Trade and Industry as soon as possible.

Northern North Sea:

008/20	014/08
21	09
22	10
23	16
24	17b
25†	21
26	22
27	23
30	24b
013/11	25c
12	015/02
16b	03
17	04
18	05
19	06
20	07
24b	08
25	09
30b	18b
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