

Permit 55793 - Offshore Taranaki

This exploration permit has been awarded to Woodside Energy Holdings Pty Ltd and partner NZOG 2013 T Ltd.

Woodside have committed to undertake a regional sequence and/or seismic framework study and as well as a 3D basin modelling study within the first 9 months of the permit. Starting in April, they have committed to acquire a minimum of 900 sq km of 3D seismic data within 12 months. If results are positive this may lead to exploration drilling

About the permit area

This permit covers 2,418.4 km² off the west coast of the North Island. The area the permit is in was included in the tender as part of Offshore Release Area 13TAR-R1.

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Consultation undertaken

Prior to the tender NZP&M consulted with relevant iwi and hapū, and councils in the area. 13 submissions were received. Nine were from iwi/hapū and four local authorities. Iwi support was mixed. The Councils and iwi expressed concerns regarding appropriate protection for the environment.

- [For more information see the Block Offer 2013 Consultation Report \[2.7 MB PDF\]](#)

Company Profile

Woodside Energy Holdings is a "Woodside Company" controlled by Woodside Petroleum Ltd which was founded in 1954 as a publicly listed company on the Australian Stock Exchange.

The Woodside Companies employ 4,000 people and holds assets and interests both domestically and internationally with their operations focussed on offshore gas development.

Currently, Woodside is Australia's largest independent oil and gas company and runs six of the seven Liquefied Natural Gas processing trains in Australia.

Since 2000, the Woodside companies have drilled around 126 exploration wells as operator, including 13 wells in water depth greater than 1,500m. International interests are located in the deep-water Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean Sea and Timor Sea and are supplemented by exploration activities off the coast of the Ireland, Myanmar, Peru, South Korea, Spain and Brazil.

