

## OHS IMPROVEMENT NOTICE

To: **Atwood Australian Waters Drilling Pty Ltd.**

In conducting an OHS inspection in relation to the Atwood Falcon facility, I, [REDACTED], a NOPSEMA inspector appointed under section 602 of the Act, am satisfied on reasonable grounds that the person named above as the responsible person is contravening, or has contravened and is likely to contravene again:

- (a) clause 9(2)(e) of Schedule 3 to the Act

at: **Atwood Falcon Facility**

The reasons for my opinion are:

The ability of the crew to respond to an H2S gas alarm or Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) hydrocarbon gas alarm is impaired by the incomplete installation of the new RIGAS 4000 Gas monitoring system. This in turn increases the likelihood of loss of life due to either exposure to H2S or hydrocarbon explosion risk. The gas monitoring system is listed as a safety critical control in the Atwood Falcon facility safety case in relation to Major Accident Events of fire or explosion in the facility's mud return area, fire in the engine room or the machinery space, or exposure to H2S.

1. The safety case states that H2S and combustible gas monitoring can be accessed from the ballast control room, however the RIGAS 4000 Repeater is not functional in the ballast control room.
2. The safety case states that the accommodation ventilation is automatically shut down on activation of an H2S or combustible gas detection; however automatic operation of the accommodation ventilation shutdown on activation of an H2S or combustible gas detection is not functional.
3. The automatic activation of the Gai-Tronics audible alarm upon high gas alarm activation is not functional.

The operator has therefore failed to take all reasonably practicable steps to implement and maintain appropriate procedures and equipment for the control of, and responding to, emergencies at the facility.

As a result of this contravention I am satisfied that there is, or may be, the following risk to the health or safety of any person:

Potential for loss of life, due to either exposure to H2S or hydrocarbon explosion.

You are required to take action within **30** days of the date of this notice to prevent or reduce the risk.

The following action must be taken by the responsible person within the period specified above:

- **Atwood is to complete the installation of the RIGAS 4000 Gas monitoring system; or**
- **Implement such other controls as required to reduce risk to a level that is as low as reasonably practicable.**

**Signed:**

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**NOPSEMA inspector**

**Dated: 5/5/2015**

NOTES: (Please see back of notice)

When the required improvement has been completed, return this part of the notice to the following person at the address below:

Name: ██████████

Position: NOPSEMA Inspector

Address: Send in electronic format via email to:  
[submissions@nopsema.gov.au](mailto:submissions@nopsema.gov.au)

Telephone number: +61 8 6188 8700

Specify the action that has been taken to comply with this notice in the space below.

Improvement Notice No. **578** has been complied with by:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:**

1. Under clause 78 of Schedule 3 to the Act, a person who fails to ensure that this notice is complied with, to the extent that it relates to a matter over which the person has control, may be liable to a penalty of 300 penalty units or a civil penalty of 400 units.
2. This notice must be displayed in a prominent place at or near each workplace at which work affected by the notice is being performed and, must not be tampered with or removed before the notice has ceased to have effect.
3. If the notice is not issued by being given to the operator's representative at the facility, the responsible person (unless the responsible person is the titleholder) must cause a copy of the notice to be given to the operator's representative.
4. If the responsible person is the operator or an employer (other than the operator) of members of the workforce, the operator's representative at the facility must give a copy of the notice to each health and safety representative for a designated work group having group members performing work that is affected by the notice.
5. If the responsible person is the titleholder, as soon as practicable after issuing the notice, the NOPSEMA inspector will take reasonable steps to give a copy of the notice to the operator and, if the NOPSEMA inspector is at the facility when the notice issued, the operator's representative at the facility.
6. If the responsible person is the titleholder, but the inspector is not at the facility when the notice is issued, the operator must give a copy of the notice to the operator's representative at the facility.
7. As soon as practicable after issuing the notice, the NOPSEMA inspector will take reasonable steps to give a copy of the notice to, where applicable:
  - (a) the employer of an employee who is a member of the workforce if the notice is issued to the employee, and in connection with work performed by the employee, and
  - (b) the owner of any workplace plant, substance or thing that the notice relates to, unless the owner is the responsible person or an employer referred to in (a), and
  - (c) if the responsible person is the owner of any workplace, plant, substance or thing because of which the contravention has occurred, or is likely to occur: the operator of the facility, and if the employer of employees who work in that workplace or who use that plant, substance or thing is a person other than the operator—that employer; and
  - (d) the titleholder, if the responsible person is the operator, and the contravention relates, or is likely to relate to, the titleholders' well related obligations.
8. Under item 8 of subclause 80A(1) of Schedule 3 to the Act, any of the following persons may in writing request the reviewing authority to review the NOPSEMA inspector's decision:
  - the operator of the facility
  - the titleholder, if the notice is issued to a titleholder;
  - any other person to whom the notice has been issued;
  - an employer, if affected by the decision;
  - a relevant health and safety representative;
  - a relevant workforce representative, if requested by a member of the workforce affected by the decision;
  - a person who owns any workplace plant, substance or thing to which the NOPSEMA inspector's decision relates.
9. An improvement notice ceases to have effect when the responsible person takes the action specified in the notice.