

## **OHS PROHIBITION NOTICE**

To: Sedco Forex International Inc

In conducting an OHS inspection in relation to the Development Driller 1 facility, I [REDACTED], a NOPSEMA inspector appointed under section 602 of the Act, am satisfied on reasonable grounds that an activity is occurring at the facility that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of a person.

I am satisfied that it is reasonably necessary to issue a prohibition notice to Sedco Forex International Inc in order to remove the threat.

I THEREFORE DIRECT Sedco Forex International Inc to ensure that the following activity is not conducted:

Mixing chemicals at the manual hopper in the sack room at the Development Driller 1 facility without adequate protection for the health of members of the workforce in that area.

### **The activity that has caused or may cause the threat to health or safety is:**

The airborne hazardous substances or mixtures at the manual hopper are not being controlled, exposing members of the workforce to health risks.

### **The reasons why the activity has caused or may cause the threat to health or safety are:**

Hazardous chemicals are handled by members of the workforce at the manual hopper. The exhaust from Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV), attached to the manual hopper, vents back into operators work area (air is recirculated) contaminating the breathing zone and atmosphere of the members of the workforce. The filtration system did not appear to be effective, with dust visible in the air and on the LEV system, loading area and surrounding structures. In addition, there was no evidence that the operator had taken measures to determine the level of airborne contaminants e.g. there were no records of air or personal monitoring having been conducted. Further, the respiratory protection worn by members of the workforce at the time of the inspection were not found to be suitable for an atmosphere where the hazard and exposure cannot be identified. The hazard to which the members of the workforce are exposed is from an unknown level of chemical particulates, for which the Operator's policies and Safety Data Sheets for this situation require Atmosphere Supplying Respirators. During the inspection it was observed that members of the workforce were not wearing Atmosphere Supplying Respirators as per the Operator's "Respiratory Protection" policy as referenced in the in force Safety Case.

Consequently, there is a risk of serious occupational health effects (identified in the relevant Safety Data Sheets) that could occur that lead to a permanent, progressive or irreversible condition, or causes permanent disabling and a lifelong restriction of work capability or a major reduction in quality of life, as a result of members of the workforce being exposed to airborne hazardous chemicals.

### **Action that may be taken that will be adequate to remove the threat to health or safety is:**

For atmospheres in the sack room where hazards and exposure cannot be identified while conducting mixing operations, provide members of the workforce with Atmosphere Supplying Respirators, as per Operator's "Respiratory Protection" policy and required by relevant Safety Data Sheets, until the hazard and exposure is determined to be at a level that does not exceed the appropriate exposure standard for the relevant period of time.

**Signed:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**NOPSEMA inspector**

**Dated: 19 December 2019**

NOTES: (Please see below)

The following section is to be completed if serving the notice to the responsible person by giving it to the operator's representative or titleholder's representative at the facility, or identified responsible person onshore.

This notice was delivered to:

[REDACTED]

(insert name)

in the office or position of

[REDACTED]

(insert office or position)

at: [REDACTED] am/pm on

[REDACTED]

(insert time)

(insert date)

**NOTES:**

1. Under clause 77 of Schedule 3 to the Act, a responsible person who fails to ensure that this notice is complied with, to the extent that it relates to a matter over which the responsible person has control, may be liable to a penalty of 600 penalty units.
2. Under clause 77A of Schedule 3 to the Act, a notice ceases to have effect in relation to a responsible person when a NOPSEMA inspector notifies the responsible person that the inspector is satisfied that the responsible person, or another person, has taken adequate action to remove the threat to health or safety.
3. This notice must be displayed in a prominent place at the workplace and must not be tampered with or removed before the notice has ceased to have effect.
4. If this prohibition notice (or a copy of the notice) is not given to the operator's representative at the facility, the operator must give a copy of the notice to the operator's representative.
5. The operator's representative at the facility must give a copy of the notice to the following persons:
  - if the workplace, plant, substance or thing to which the notice relates is owned by a person other than the responsible person—that owner; and/or
  - if there is a health and safety representative for a designated work group that includes a group member performing work at a workplace, or involving the plant, substance or thing, to which the direction relates—that representative.
6. If the only responsible person for the notice is the titleholder, as soon as practicable after issuing the notice, the NOPSEMA inspector will take reasonable steps to give a copy to both the operator and the operators representative at the facility (if the inspector is at the facility when the notice is issued).
7. Under item 5 of clause 80A of Schedule 3 to the Act, any of the following persons may request the reviewing authority in writing to review the NOPSEMA inspector's decision:
  - the operator of the facility;
  - the titleholder, if the notice is issued to a titleholder;
  - 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.