Legal Notice No. 200

## REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAP. 35:05

## **NOTIFICATION**

Made under section 35 of the Environmental Management Act

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE WHICH REQUIRES AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED BY BHP BILLITON PETROLEUM (TRINIDAD BLOCK 5) LIMITED AND BHP BILLITON PETROLEUM (TRINIDAD BLOCK 6) LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 5) Limited and BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 6) Limited (BHP Billiton) are desirous of drilling ten (10) oil and gas exploration wells inclusive of associated subsurface evaluations within blocks TTDAA 5 and TTDAA 6, offshore, east coast, Trinidad and Tobago, and that this project is deemed a designated activity pursuant to the Certificate of Environmental Clearance (Designated Activities) Order (as amended), thus requiring a Certificate of Environmental Clearance pursuant to section 35 of the Environmental Management Act, Chap. 35:05 ("the Act"). BHP Billiton has applied for a Certificate of Environmental Clearance ("the Certificate") from the Environmental Management Authority ("the Authority") for this project.

And take notice that the comments of the public are hereby invited on the application for the exploratory drilling programme, which requires an Environmental Impact Assessment.

And take notice that the Authority has, for the purposes of the Certificate and pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Act, established an Administrative Record that includes a written description of the proposed action, the major environmental issues involved in the matter under consideration, copies of relevant documents or other supporting materials which the Authority believes would assist the public in developing a reasonable understanding of those issues and of the Authority's reasons for the proposed action.

Notice of Submission for Public Comment on an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Clearance which requires an Environmental Impact Assessment submitted by BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 5) Limited and BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 6) Limited

And take notice that the Administrative Record is available to the public for viewing at the following offices from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Monday 26th October, 2015 to Friday 27th November, 2015:

- (a) Environmental Management Authority, No. 8 Elizabeth Street, St. Clair, Port-of-Spain;
- (b) Environmental Management Authority, 3rd Floor, Agate Building, No. 2 Adesh Drive, San Fernando-Siparia-Erin Road, Duncan Village, San Fernando;
- (c) Rio Claro/Mayaro Regional Corporation, Naparima-Mayaro Road, Rio Claro;
- (d) Arima Borough Corporation, Corner Hollis Avenue and Woodford Street, Arima;
- (e) Point Fortin Borough Corporation, George Road, Mahaica, Point Fortin; and
- (f) Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, Glen Road, Branch Trace No. 2, Scarborough, Tobago.

And take notice that the comments of the public are hereby invited on the application and that any person wishing to submit comments must do so in writing addressed to the Corporate Secretary, Environmental Management Authority, No. 8 Elizabeth Street, St. Clair, Port-of-Spain.

The Authority will receive public comments on the application from Monday 26th October, 2015 to Friday 27th November, 2015.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2015.

G. NORGRIFF
Corporate Secretary,
Environmental Management Authority