

**LICENSING AND APPROVALS PROCESS FOR EXPLORATION, RETENTION AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES  
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA)**

Pursuant to the *SA Petroleum and Geothermal Energy (PGE) Act 2000* and PGE Regulations 2013

The PGE Act process consists of three stages. Firstly, a licence is granted authorising the licensee to carry out the specific activity to which the licence relates. Environmental assessments are then required, to develop environmental objectives and assessment criteria for approval. Finally, a location-specific activity notification is submitted for assessment and approval where required. Each stage is shown independently in this flowchart and all stages are required to be completed before regulated activities can commence. In reality, it will be possible for some aspects of the separate stages to occur in parallel - this is best discussed with Department for Energy and Mining early in project planning. References to appropriate sections of the PGE Regulations are provided where these will assist the proponent. Time frames are provided where these are statutory or fixed by written agreement.

