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OIL INDUSTRY RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre

AMOSC, a subsidiary of the Australian Institute of Petroleum Ltd (AIP), provides response to major oil spills throughout the South Pacific region. AMOSC maintains a substantial stockpile of oil spill response equipment at Geelong and can access other oil company equipment.

AMOSC conducts an extensive series of training courses on oil spill preparedness and response. Training is also provided to meet the needs of individual companies, at AMOSC's training centre in Geelong or at company sites. AMOSC also provides consulting, auditing and planning services.

AMOSC's response activities are undertaken by a small staff and consultants, supported by personnel from subscriber companies.

The National Plan

The National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances (National Plan) is the umbrella contingency planning and response arrangement for Australia and is a cooperative arrangement between the Commonwealth and State governments and the shipping and oil industries.

AMOSC and other industry response resources are available to the national Plan via a contract between AMOSC and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Industry Mutual Aid Arrangements (AMOSPlan)

The cooperative arrangements for response to oil spills are brought together under AMOSPlan—Australian Industry Cooperative Oil Spill Response Arrangements.

To assist in a local response to an incident, individual company resources are available through the AMOSC hiring agreements.

In a practical sense, individual companies initially deal with each other using nominated Mutual Aid Contacts. If the Spill response requires additional resources, AMOSC staff, core group personnel and equipment are rapidly mobilized. The AMOSPlan document is on the AMOSC website.

Subscription to AMOSC

Companies subscribe to AMOSC in one of the following categories:

• Participating Company

Comprises Australia's major oil producers and refiner/marketers. Subscriptions towards the capital and operating costs of AMOSC reflect production and movements of oil by sea.

• Associated Company

Comprises ship owners and operators and companies engaged in oil exploration, production and/or distribution. Associated Companies have access to AMOSPlan mutual aid.

Associated Companies have access to AMOSC training workshops at Participating company rates. Access to AMOSC and other company resources for oil spill response is available at 1.5 times Participating Company rates.

AMOSC associated Companies pay an annual subscription, which includes membership of AIP.

All subscriber companies can access AMOSC equipment for short-term standby requirements.

Non-subscriber companies are able to access training and oil spill response services—either directly through AMOSC or through the National Plan. For non-subscriber companies, training is accessible at 1.2 times Participating company rates.

Should a company that handles oil as cargo elect not to subscribe to AMOSC but subsequently request the use of AMOSC or other company resources, these are available at 2.0 times Participating Company Rates. An access charge also applies.

