

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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# CONCESSION CONTRACT

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IN RESPECT OF

PETROLEUM MINING LEASE FOR THE AKPO  
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*(In Production but with Accompanying Work  
Programme for Further Work)*

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This Concession Contract (the "**Contract**") is made this day \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**BETWEEN**

**NIGERIAN UPSTREAM PETROLEUM REGULATORY COMMISSION**, whose address is at No. 7 Sylvester Ugoh Crescent, Jabi, Abuja, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as the "**Commission**"), of the one part;

**AND**

**NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with RC No. 1843987, to replace the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation in line with the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 whose registered address is at NNPC Towers, Herbert Macaulay Way, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "**NNPC**");

**TOTAL ENERGIES UPSTREAM NIGERIA LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with RC No. 321517, whose registered address is at Plot 247, Herbert Macaulay Way, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "**TUPNI**");

**PRIME 130 NIGERIA LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with RC No. 366209, whose registered address is at 5<sup>th</sup> floor, SAPETRO Towers, No. 1 Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "**PRIME 130**");

**SOUTH ATLANTIC PETROLEUM LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with RC No. 284117, whose registered address is at 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> floors, SAPETRO Towers, No. 1 Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "**SAPETRO**")

(all hereinafter referred to as the "**Lessees**" and each a "**Lessee**"), of the other part.

The Commission and the Lessees are also referred to in this Contract, each as a "**Party**" and together as the "**Parties**".

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The property and ownership of Petroleum within Nigeria, its territorial waters, continental shelf and exclusive economic zone is vested in the Government of the Federation of Nigeria.
- B. SAPETRO was granted Oil Prospecting Licence 246 ("OPL 246") by the Federal Government of Nigeria ("FGN") by a letter dated 23 February 1998, and the said grant reserved the right of FGN to a participating interest in any Oil Mining Lease ("OML") derived therefrom.

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- C. With the consent of the FGN, SAPETRO assigned respectively to TUPNI an undivided twenty-four percent (24%) participating interest and to PRIME 130 (formerly called Brasoil Oil Services Company Limited) an undivided sixteen percent (16%) participating interest in OPL 246.
- D. In 2003, SAPETRO applied for an OML deriving from OPL 246 and thereafter OML 130 was granted by the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources through a letter with reference no. PI.BAL-3717-S.364-VOL.2-125 and dated 24 February 2005.
- E. By virtue of the Deep-Water Block Allocations to Companies (Back-in-Rights) Regulations 2003 to the Petroleum Act (the "**Back-in-Rights Regulations**"), the FGN exercised its right to participate in any OML derived from OPL 246. Pursuant to the Back-in-Rights Regulations, the FGN (represented by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation) acquired fifty percent (50%) of the interest in OML 130 derived from OPL 246 from SAPETRO resulting in the following interests: the FGN's interest, held by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation - fifty percent (50%); SAPETRO - ten percent (10%); TUPNI - twenty-four percent (24%) and PRIME 130 - sixteen percent (16%), the
- F. In 2021, NNPC was incorporated to replace the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation in line with the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Act 2021 (the "**Act**").
- G. Pursuant to the Act, the Minister of Petroleum Resources (the "**Minister**") is vested with the power to grant Petroleum Mining Leases on behalf of the Government; the Commission is responsible for the technical and commercial regulation of the upstream petroleum industry in Nigeria, including the determination and recommendation of applicants who have fulfilled the conditions for the grant of upstream petroleum leases as well as the applicable model contract for the said leases.
- H. The Lessees as concessionaires of OML 130, which expires in 2025, have applied for the renewal of the concession under the Act. The Commission has approved the renewal application and has recommended to the Minister that this Lease be granted to the Lessees in respect of the Lease Area, which is derived from the concession area under the expiring OML.
- I. Pursuant to Section 85 of the Act, as a precursor to the grant of the Lease, the Commission and the Lessees have agreed to enter into this Contract to provide for the fiscal obligations relating to the Lease as well as other contractual terms and conditions relevant to the conduct of Upstream Petroleum Operations within the Lease Area.

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**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

## **1.0 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

### **1.1 Definitions**

In this Contract, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them below, and other capitalised words used in this Contract and not defined below shall carry the meanings and definitions given to them in the General Conditions, the Act and other Regulations made thereto, at the time of the execution of this Contract:

**"Act"** means the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021.

**"Bonus"** means the applicable renewal bonus that the Lessees are required to pay to Government in respect of the renewal of this Lease.

**"Bopd"** means barrel of crude oil per day.

**"Business Day"** means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Nigeria.

**"Commencement Date"** has the meaning ascribed to it in Clause 2.1.

**"Development Period"** means the period stipulated in the General Lease Conditions or as indicated in the approved Field Development Plan, for the Lessees to initiate Regular Commercial Production.

**"Environmental Remediation Fund"** means the environmental remediation fund established by the Commission for the Lessees in accordance with Section 103 of the Act.

**"Gas"** means natural gas and natural gas liquids.

**"General Lease Conditions"** means the general lease conditions attached as Schedule A to the Lease Instrument.

**"HoA"** means the heads of agreement entered into in respect of OML 130 and any amendment thereof.

**"Lease"** means the Petroleum Mining Lease issued to the Lessees in respect of the Lease Area.

**"Lease Area"** means the area in respect of which the Lease is granted as more

particularly described in the document attached as Schedule B of the Lease Instrument.

**"Lease Commencement Date"** means the commencement date indicated in the Lease Instrument.

**"Lease Instrument"** means the instrument conveying the grant of the Lease to the Lessees, by the Minister on behalf of the Government.

**"Longstop Date"** means the date falling sixty (60) days after the date this Contract is executed or such other later date determined by the Commission, being the deadline for the fulfilment of the Conditions stated under Clause 4.1.1.

**"Minimum Work Programme"** means the work programme containing details of the programme of activities the Lessees have committed to undertake within the Lease Area to enhance ongoing production, submitted by the Lessees to the Commission prior to the execution of this Contract, which the Commission has approved and is attached to the Lease Instrument as Annexure 2.

**"Oil Production"** means the production of Crude Oil and Condensates.

**"Operating Agreement"** means the operating agreement, or any other agreement executed by the Lessees and the Operator, setting out the terms upon which the Lessees will jointly execute Upstream Petroleum Operations within the Lease Area.

**"Operator"** means TotalEnergies Upstream Nigeria Limited or any successor operator appointed by the Lessees as provided for in Clause 14.7.

**"Participating Interest"** means as to each Lessee, the percentage share of such Lessee's interest in the Lease, provided that in the case of Upstream Petroleum Operations conducted by less than all the Lessees, Participating Interest shall mean, in relation to each Lessee participating in all the Upstream Petroleum Operations ("**Participating Lessee**"), the proportion which the Participating Interest of the Participating Lessee bears to the total Participating Interest of all Participating Lessees.

**"Paying Quantities"** means in relation to the level of production of a field, the production of volumes of Oil Production or Gas or both, of which the value exceeds the Royalty and operating costs on a regular basis, based on levels of production that are aimed at achieving maximum economic recovery of Petroleum.

**"Regular Commercial Production"** means the production of Gas and/or Oil Production in Paying Quantities.

**“Regulations”** means regulations issued by the Commission from time to time pursuant to the Act.

**“SOFR”** means the secured overnight financing rate published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on its website at <newyorkfed.org/markets/reference-rates/sofr> every Business Day (New York) at 8.00am Eastern Time (or any other medium used by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from time to time for this purpose).

## 1.2 Interpretation

1.2.1 Reference to any statute or statutory provision includes a reference to that statute or statutory provision as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.

1.2.2 A reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under the statute or statutory provision.

1.2.3 Timelines regarding obligations of the Lessees which are not prescribed in this Contract, or the General Lease Conditions shall be as provided in Regulations issued by the Commission.

1.2.4 In the computation of periods of time from a specified day to a later specified day:

(a) the first specified day is not included in the computation of the of period, whereas the other specified day is included in the computation of the period; and

(b) any requirement that an action may or shall be taken within a specified number of days means that such action may or shall be taken within the number of days so specified starting at 00:00 hours on the day on which the requirement to take such action arose;

1.2.5 Headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and not intended to define, interpret, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any of the provisions of this Lease.

1.2.6 A Person includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).

1.2.7 A reference to a company shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.

1.2.8 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and, in the plural, shall include the singular.

1.2.9 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

1.2.10 The terms of this Contract shall be read in tandem with the Act, the Regulations and the Lease. Where there is any ambiguity or contradiction among these documents, they shall be construed in the following order of priority to resolve the said ambiguity or contradiction:

- (a) the Act;
- (b) the Regulations;
- (c) the Lease Instrument;
- (d) this Contract; and
- (e) the General Lease Conditions.

## 2.0 EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

2.1 This Contract shall become effective upon the satisfaction of the Conditions listed in Clause 4.0 (the "**Commencement Date**"), save for Clauses 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, 15.0, 17.0, 18.0, 19.0 and 20.0, which shall become effective upon execution of the Contract. The Contract shall, except as provided in Clause 17.0, continue in full force and effect from the Commencement Date for the term of the Lease including renewals thereof.

2.2 Notwithstanding the Commencement Date of this Contract, the Lessees shall require fiscal adjustments pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Act and the Conversion and Renewal (Licences and Leases) Regulations 2022, which shall be effective from 1 June 2023, to enable the Lessees to benefit from fiscal provisions under Chapter 4 of the Act.

## 3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACREAGE

3.1 The Lease Area is a deep offshore acreage whose boundaries are outlined in Schedule B to the Lease Instrument and may be modified from time to time may be modified from time to time as a result of relinquishments and surrenders or any other reason pursuant to the terms of the Lease and provisions of the Act.

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#### 4.0 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

4.1 The following conditions set out under Clause 4.1.1 (the "Conditions") shall be fulfilled no later than the Longstop Date:

4.1.1 The Lessees must have:

- (a) furnished the Minimum Work Programme to the Commission and the Commission has approved it;
- (b) paid the Bonus to the Government;
- (c) NOT USED;
- (d) paid the Rent for the first year of the Lease at the rate prescribed in Clause 7.0; and
- (e) NOT USED.

4.1.2 The Minister has executed the Lease Instrument.

4.2 Where the Lessees fail to satisfy all the Conditions listed in Clause 4.1.1 by the Longstop Date, the Contract shall stand terminated on the next date following the Longstop Date and the Bonus and Rent shall be refunded to the Lessees.

#### 5.0 ENHANCING ONGOING PRODUCTION

5.1 The Development Period stipulated in the General Lease Conditions shall not apply to this Lease since there is no Field Development Plan to be implemented within the said period and Regular Commercial Production is already occurring within the Lease Area. The Lessees shall however perform the following minimum activities as the Minimum Work Programme contemplated by the General Lease Conditions, to enhance ongoing production:

5.1.1 Complete ongoing Akpo 3 HD seismic.

5.1.2 Reprocess and commence geology and geophysics studies on Akpo Far East G.

5.2 The provisions in the General Lease Conditions relating to the appraisal of fields with suspended wells, retention of such fields as Significant Crude Oil Discoveries or Significant Gas Discoveries and declaration of commercial discoveries within the Lease Area, as well as the provisions relating to implementing field development plans, shall not apply to this Lease. The Lessees shall upon completion of the Minimum Work Programme targeted at



enhancing ongoing production, continue to produce petroleum optimally from the Lease Area.

## **6.0 NOT USED**

## **7.0 RENTS**

7.1 During the Lease term, the Lessees shall pay a yearly rent as prescribed in the Petroleum Drilling & Production Regulations or any other Regulations issued by the Commission from time to time.

7.2 Each Lessee shall be liable for its Participating Interest share of Rent payable by the Lessees under this Contract, provided howsoever that the Operator shall be entitled to deduct amount due as Rent from the Joint Account and make the payment to the Commission on the Lessees' behalf.

7.3 Where any Lessee fails to pay its Participating Interest share of the Rent, interest shall accrue on the outstanding portion of that defaulting Lessee's Participating Interest share of Rent at the rate prescribed in the Act or applicable Regulations.

## **8.0 ROYALTY**

8.1 All production of Petroleum from any field within the Lease Area, including Petroleum produced during production tests shall be subject to Royalty in accordance with Section 306 and the Seventh Schedule to the Act and as further prescribed by Regulations from time to time.

8.2 The determination of production volumes and prices for royalty purposes shall be in accordance with Paragraph 7 and Paragraph 8 of the Seventh Schedule to the Act and applicable Regulations.

8.3 The price benchmarks for royalty payable shall be subject to escalation in the manner prescribed by Regulations.

8.4 Each Lessee shall be liable for its Participating Interest share of Royalty payable by the Lessees under this Contract.

8.5 Where the Commission elects to receive the above Royalties in kind, the Commission shall provide the Lessees (or the Operator on behalf of the Lessees) with prior notice and in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the applicable Regulations.

8.6 Pursuant to Section 311(2)(c) of the Act, notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, royalty shall be zero percent (0%) per field for Petroleum produced from the Lease Area for a period of five (5) years from the date of commencement of the field production including all relevant accounting periods prior to the effective date of the Act.

8.7 Where the Lessees fail to pay all or part of Royalties due for a period for two (2) months after the month in which the Royalty falls due, the outstanding Royalty payment shall constitute a debt owed by the Lessees and attract interest as provided in Section 100 of the Act and the Seventh Schedule to the Act and as further prescribed in Regulations from time to time.

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**10.0 TAXES**

10.1 The Lessees shall be responsible for paying all duties, levies and lawful impositions applicable to the Lease in accordance with applicable laws.

10.2 Each Lessee shall be responsible for reporting and discharging its own tax obligations.

**11.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION FUND**

11.1 The Lessees shall pay the required contributions as detailed in the applicable Upstream Environmental Remediation Fund Regulations as their financial contribution into the Environmental Remediation Fund.

11.2 The Lessees shall in addition to Clause 11.1, increase their contributions into the Environmental Remediation Fund by an amount derived from the Lessees' annual self-assessment of the environmental liability arising from Upstream Petroleum Operations or as otherwise determined by the Commission where an assessment is conducted by an independent assessor appointed by the Commission pursuant to Section 103(6) of the Act.

11.3 Each Lessee shall be liable for its Participating Interest share of contributions made or to be made into the environmental remediation fund by the Lessees under this Contract.

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### 13.0 RENEWAL OF PETROLEUM MINING LEASES

- 13.1 The renewal of the Lease shall be subject to such terms and conditions determined by the Commission and the Lessees shall pay a Bonus in the amount specified by the Commission, which amount shall be determined in the manner prescribed by applicable Regulations.
- 13.2 Each Lessee shall be liable for its Participating Interest share of any Bonus payable by the Lessees under this Contract.

### 14.0 OPERATORSHIP

- 14.1 The Lessees pursuant to the Operating Agreement and HoA executed or to be executed amongst themselves have conferred the Operator with the authority to act on their behalf as their agent or representative as operator of the Lease Area, with the responsibility to perform Upstream Petroleum Operations within the Lease Area, subject to the terms of the said operating agreement and in all engagements with the Commission.

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- 14.3 The Operator shall conduct Upstream Petroleum Operations on behalf of the Lessees and shall be responsible for:

14.3.1 the giving and receiving of all notices, communication and information as may be required under this Contract, Lease, Act or Regulations;

14.3.2 communication and attendance of all meetings with the Commission and any other government authority with respect to the Lease;

14.3.3 making relevant assessments and payments due to the Commission from the Lessees in respect of the Lease (except taxes applicable to each Lessee), unless as otherwise stipulated under the Act, Regulations or this Contract; and

14.3.4 performing all the responsibilities of the Lessees as required under the Act, Regulations, this Contract and the Lease.

- 14.4 Except in cases where one or more of the Lessees are being proceeded against individually, the Operator shall act as the agent for the service of court or arbitration processes for the Lessees, upon whom such processes may be served in any action arising out of or based on this Contract, the Lease, Act or Regulations and each Lessee expressly accepts the jurisdiction of any such arbitral panel or court in respect of any such action.

- 14.5 Notwithstanding the appointment of, and the rights, powers and duties of the Operator under any contract or arrangement between the Lessees and the Operator, the rights, duties, obligations and liabilities of the Lessees under this Contract and the Lease shall be several (in proportion to their respective Participating Interests), not joint nor joint and several.
- 14.6 Each of the Lessees shall be fully bound by any and all acts, omissions and things done, made or performed or agreements made with respect to the conduct of Upstream Petroleum Operations by the Operator as though each of the Lessees had severally done, omitted or performed the same.
- 14.7 In the event that an Operator retires, resigns, is removed, replaced or is otherwise unable to act as operator for the conduct of Upstream Petroleum Operations, the Lessees shall promptly appoint some other Person to act as operator for the conduct of Upstream Petroleum Operations and shall promptly notify such appointment in writing to the Commission.
- 14.8 Any change in Operator shall require the prior written approval of the Commission, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

## **15.0 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

- 15.1 Each Lessee hereby represents and warrants that on the date of execution of this Contract and on the Commencement Date:
- 15.1.1 the Lessee is duly incorporated and validly existing in accordance with Nigerian law, is a separate legal entity capable of suing and being sued and has the power, capacity and authority to own its assets and to conduct its business as currently conducted and as contemplated in this Contract;
- 15.1.2 this Contract constitutes a valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Lessee in accordance with its terms and this Contract is in the proper legal form for enforcement against the Lessee;
- 15.1.3 the Lessee has not entered into any agreements or obligations which would have an adverse effect on the Lessee's ability to fulfill its commitments and perform its obligations in accordance with this Contract;
- 15.1.4 it has full power and authority to perform all its obligations under this Contract;

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- 15.1.5 there are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or receivership proceedings pending, being contemplated by, or to the best of its knowledge, threatened against it;
- 15.1.6 it is not party to any litigation, arbitration or other proceedings nor subject to any investigation or enquiry nor bound by any order, injunction, declaration, judgment or award of any court, arbitrator or other forum which could adversely affect the ability of the Lessee to perform its covenants or obligations under this Contract;
- 15.1.7 it has access to sufficient financial resources and technical capacity to implement the Field Development Plan and fulfil the financial obligations it has committed to under this Contract and the terms of Lease;
- 15.1.8 in conjunction with the other Lessees, they possess the technical competence, capacity, skilled personnel and expertise required to exploit the Lease Area;
- 15.1.9 it and its employees, agents and/or representatives have not and will not violate applicable anti-corruption laws and money laundering laws or directly or indirectly, in connection with this Contract and the business resulting therefrom, offer, pay, promise to pay, or authorize the giving of anything of value to a government official (including employees of a government oil company), to any employee of the Commission, to any officer or employee of a public international organization, to any political party or official thereof or to any candidate for political office, or to any Person, while knowing that all or a portion of such thing of value will be offered, given or promised, directly or indirectly, to any government official, to any officer or employee of a public international organization, to any political party or official thereof, or to any candidate for political office, for the purpose of:
- (a) influencing any act or decision of such official, officer, employee, political party, party official, or candidate in his or its official capacity, including a decision to fail to perform his or its official functions; or
  - (b) inducing such official, officer, employee, political party, or candidate to use his or its influence with the government or instrumentality thereof (including a government oil company) or organization to affect or influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality or organization to obtain or retain business related to this Contract, to direct business related to

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this Contract to any Person or to obtain any improper advantage or benefit in order to assist in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to any other Person in relation to this Contract.

15.2 Each Lessee repeats the representations and warranties in this Clause 15.0 on each day of the duration of this Contract, except for those in Clause 15.1.6, which is deemed repeated on the first day of each calendar quarter.

15.3 For the avoidance of doubt, any breach of the representations and warranties in this Clause (f) by any Lessee, will constitute a breach, of the terms of the Lease, by the relevant Lessee or Lessees responsible for the said breach.

## 16.0 FORCE MAJEURE

16.1 The occurrence of Force Majeure shall not excuse the obligations of the Lessees under Clauses 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 0.

## 17.0 DEFAULT, TERM AND TERMINATION

17.1 Any Lessee that fails to:

17.1.1 pay when due its Participating Interest share of Upstream Petroleum Operations expenses (excluding NNPC) pursuant to an approved work programme and budget and such failure to pay is not remedied in accordance with the Operating Agreement;

17.1.2 NOT USED

shall be in default under this Contract and the Lease and the Commission may exercise any rights or remedies under this Contract, the Lease, the Act or the Regulations against such Lessee to the exclusion of other Lessees.

17.2 This Contract shall be deemed to have been terminated if the Lease expires, has in accordance with the Act, Regulations, Lease been surrendered in full, or has been lawfully revoked in accordance with the Act.

17.3 This Contract may be terminated only as to one or more Lessees (**Leaving Lessees**), without affecting the rights of the other Lessee(s) (**Remaining Lessees**) where the Minister or Commission exercises rights and remedies against a Defaulting Lessee pursuant to Clause 17.1 or otherwise revokes the Leaving Lessee's Participating Interest in the Lease. In the event of a partial termination, this Contract and the Lease shall continue to operate and be effective with regard to the Remaining Lessees in accordance with their Participating Interest share. The Leaving Lessee's Participating Interest shall

be redistributed to the Remaining Lessees in accordance with Section 99(4) of the Act.

- 17.4 On the termination of this Contract, the rights thereunder of the Leaving Lessees shall cease but the termination shall not affect any liability incurred by or on behalf of the Leaving Lessees before the termination.

## 18.0 GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 18.1 The terms of this Contract shall be subject to and governed by the Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 18.2 A dispute shall be deemed to have arisen when either Party notifies the other Parties in writing to that effect ("**Dispute Notice**"). Such notice shall contain the nature of the dispute and the relief requested.
- 18.3 Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Contract shall be subjected to good faith negotiations between the duly nominated representatives of the disputing Parties, towards achieving an amicable resolution.
- 18.4 In the event that the Parties are unable to reach an amicable settlement within forty-five (45) days of the Dispute Notice, the dispute shall be finally settled under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules contained in the Schedule to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act Cap A18 of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.
- 18.5 The arbitration shall take place at the Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration Lagos, its successor, or at any other venue to be mutually agreed by the Parties before a panel of three (3) arbitrators appointed further to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.
- 18.6 The arbitration shall be held in English Language. Any decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration. The Seat of the arbitration shall be Nigeria.
- 18.7 Each party shall bear its cost of arbitration (or litigation where applicable) and costs relating to the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the disputing parties.
- 18.8 In the event where any or all of the Lessees are unsuccessful in any litigation or arbitration proceedings against the Commission, the Minister or the Government, instituted in relation to this Contract or the Lease, the Lessees shall be liable to reimburse the legal and other associated costs incurred by the Commission, Minister or Government to participate in such proceedings (as may be awarded by the Court or arbitrator).

## 19.0 NOTICES

19.1 All notices or other communication required to be given under this Contract by any Party to the other, shall be in writing and delivered by hand or courier and addressed to the chief executive of the other Parties at the address stated in this Clause 19.1 as follows:

19.1.1 For each Lessee at its address below:

**The Managing Director**

**TotalEnergies Upstream Nigeria Limited**

Plot 247, Herbert Macaulay Way, Central Business District, Abuja,  
Nigeria

EMAIL: *ivana-akaraiwee@totalenergies.com*

19.1.2 For the Commission at:

**The Commission Chief Executive**

**Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission**

7, Sylvester Ugoh Street

Jabi, Abuja

Nigeria

[nuprc@nuprc.gov.ng](mailto:nuprc@nuprc.gov.ng)

19.1.3 A Party may change its contact address or email by notifying the other Parties in writing from time to time.

19.2 Any notice or other communication that the Commission gives to the Lessees or the Operator on their behalf under or in connection with this Contract, the Lease, Act or Regulations shall be deemed to have been received, on actual receipt and acknowledgement by the Lessees or the Operator on behalf of the Lessees.

19.3 A notice or other communication given as described in Clause 19.2 on a day that is not a Business Day, or after normal business hours, in the place it is received, shall be deemed to have been received on the next Business Day.

19.4 Any notice or other communication given to the Commission by the Lessee or the Operator on behalf of the Lessees shall be deemed to have been received only on actual receipt and acknowledgement by the Commission.

19.5 A notice or other communication given under or in connection with the Lease is only valid if sent by email upon acknowledgement by the other Party or Parties or its or their representative.

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- 19.6 Notwithstanding the above, general notices issued by the Commission shall be deemed delivered, three (3) days after they are issued or posted by the Commission on its secured website
- 19.7 Clauses 19.1 to 19.6 (inclusive) do not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.
- 19.8 The provisions of clause 19.0 as to manner and delivery of notices or other communications shall be deemed to apply to the Operator and any notice or other communication issued under this Contract, the Lease, Act or Regulations and delivered to the Operator by the Commission or Government shall be deemed to have been delivered to all Lessees.
- 19.9 The address of the Operator for the purpose of service of notices, communications and processes is as follows:

**ADDRESS: The Managing Director**

**TotalEnergies Upstream Nigeria Limited**

Plot 247, Herbert Macaulay Way, Central Business District,  
Abuja, Nigeria

EMAIL: *ivana-akaraiwe@totalenergies.com*

or such other address or email notified by the Operator to the Commission.

## **20.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 20.1 The terms of this Contract shall not be amended, modified, altered or supplemented other than by an agreement executed by all Parties or by virtue of the Regulations and the Act.
- 20.2 This Contract shall be binding on the Commission and the Lessees and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 20.3 No failure or delay on the part of any Party hereto to exercise any right or remedy under this Contract or the partial exercise thereto shall be construed or operate as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies provided in this Contract are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided under the Act, and applicable regulations under Nigerian Law.
- 20.4 If and for so long as any provision of this Contract is found by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction or is declared by applicable law to be invalid, then such invalid provision shall be deemed to be severed from this Contract to the extent of its invalidity. The remaining provisions of this Contract shall

continue in full force and effect and such severance shall not (to the greatest possible extent) affect the validity or operation of any other provision of this Contract.

20.5 Any remedy which provides for the payment of liquidated damages by a Party represents a genuine pre-estimate of the likely or possible loss or damage which might otherwise be suffered by the Party to whom such liquidated damages are payable in consequence of the act or omission of the Party liable to pay such liquidated damages and shall not in any way be construed as a penalty.

20.6 This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, and this has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of the Contract.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto set their hands on the day first above written.

**SIGNED and DELIVERED**

For and on behalf of:

**THE NIGERIAN UPSTREAM PETROLEUM  
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

By:

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**ENGR. GBENGA KOMOLAFE FNSE  
COMMISSION CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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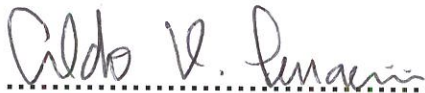
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