

PART 2 VACANT AREA

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Vacant Area (Figure 2.1) of 52 contiguous blocks (760,000 acres) in the central portion of the Bass Basin was gazetted by the Tasmanian and Australian Governments in November, 1983. Bids in the form of work programmes may be lodged up until March 23, 1984.

An early vintage regional seismic grid was shot over the area between 1961 and 1964. More regional data was shot in 1970-71. More detailed grids were shot in 1975, 1979 and 1981 over structural leads delineated by the early surveys. A total of six wells has been drilled in the Vacant Area.

Three of the six wells, Pelican 1,2, and 4 define the sub-economic Pelican gas/condensate field. Two of the remaining three wells, Pipipa 1 and Narimba 1, encountered significant oil shows during drilling. The third well, Pelican 3, recorded a gas show on the gas detector.

The following sections will discuss the Pelican Field and other prospects within the vacant area.

2.0 PELICAN FIELD REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

The Pelican Field is a gas/condensate accumulation situated near the centre and deepest part of the Bass Basin approximately