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(Made under sections 10(1) and 57(1))

In exercise of the powers made under section 10(1) and read together with section 57(1) of the Environment (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Ordinance, 2023 [*Cap. 85*], Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri has made the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the **Flaring and Venting Rules, 2025**, and shall come into force on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, shall appoint.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Rules—

“Abnormal operation” refers to any technically unavoidable stoppages, disturbances, or failures of the plant or equipment outages during which the emissions into the air may exceed the carbon emission threshold;

“Board” has the same meaning assigned to it under the Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance [*Cap. 84 (1958 Ed.)*];

“Controller” has the same meaning assigned to it under the Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance [*Cap. 84 (1958 Ed.)*];

“commissioning” includes all activities associated with the commissioning of petroleum production facilities, fields or reservoir, gas processing plants, pipelines or terminals;

“Emergency event” refers to the emergency disposal of gas or gas streams required for the safe operation or any facility or plant based on its design and optimal efficiency;

“Minister” means the Minister having the responsibility for the environmental sustainability;

“normal operation” includes well tests, extended well test and well clean up;

“Ordinance” means the Environmental (Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Emission) Ordinance, 2023 [*Cap. 85*];

“Routine Flaring” refers to flaring of gas during normal oil production operations in the absence of sufficient facilities or amenable geology to re-inject the produced gas, utilize it on-site, or dispatch it to a market; and

“Venting” means the intentional and controlled release of scheduled gas into the atmosphere.

### **Flaring and Venting**

3.—(1) No person shall carry out the activity of flaring and venting of petroleum or greenhouse gases in any part of the State, whether onshore or offshore, without the written consent of the Controller at:

- (a) oil and gas production facilities;
- (b) gas production and gas processing plants; and
- (c) terminals and facilities associated with the production and processing of petroleum,

during:

- (i) normal operation;
- (ii) commissioning stage;
- (iii) Emergency event; or
- (iv) Abnormal operation.

(2) Any flaring and venting of gas shall not be carried out except venting for process safety and operational safety of critical equipment.

### **Oil and Gas Development Plan**

4.—(1) Any oil and gas developments, whether onshore or offshore, after the coming into force of these Rules, shall be planned, and designed on the basis of zero flaring and venting.

(2) The Development Plan should incorporate gas export or storage contingency and appropriate options to minimise flaring and venting during operational issues or maintenance periods.

(3) The Development Plan required under sub-rule (2) shall be submitted to the Controller together with the application for consent under rule 5.

(4) The Controller may require such Development Plan to be verified by an accredited external auditor.

(5) The Controller shall, when granting such consent for flaring and venting, ensure that his decision is in alignment with the World Bank Zero Routine Flaring by 2030 Initiative so as to eliminate flaring of petroleum gas in Sarawak.

### **Application for consent**

5. Any application for consent required under section 10 of the Ordinance for flaring and venting of petroleum and greenhouse gases shall be made to the Controller in a form as may be determined by the Board together with an application