

MER ("Maximum Efficient Rate") means in respect of a Reservoir, the maximum rate of production of Crude Oil, without excessive decline of production or excessive loss of Reservoir pressure, in accordance with good oil-field practice and the provisions of clause 16.16.

Minimum Exploration Obligations is defined in clause 10.2.

Minimum Financial Commitment means:

- (a) in respect of the First Sub-Period, the amounts set out in clause 10.3; and
- (b) in respect of the Second Sub-Period, the amounts set out in clause 10.4.

Month means a calendar month according to the Gregorian calendar.

Natural Gas means a mixture of hydrocarbons and varying quantities of non-hydrocarbons that exist either in the gaseous phase or in solution with Crude Oil in natural underground Reservoirs remaining after the extraction of liquid hydrocarbons (including condensates) from wet gas.

Natural Gas BOE means 6,000 standard cubic feet of Natural Gas to one Barrel of Crude Oil.

Non-Associated Gas means Natural Gas that is found in a Reservoir either (a) without association with Crude Oil, or (b) in association with quantities of Crude Oil that, without a plan of disposition of the Natural Gas other than by flaring or reinjection, by itself cannot be commercially produced.

Notice of Dispute is defined in clause 42.2.

Notice of Early Termination of Gas Field Holding Period is defined in clause 14.14.

Oil Field means an area within the Contract Area consisting of a single Reservoir or multiple Reservoirs all grouped on, or related to, the same individual geological structural features, stratigraphic conditions, or both, and that (a) may become part of a single Production Area for Crude Oil and (b) is not a Gas Field.

Operator means the entity designated by the Contractor pursuant to clause 5 as the "Operator".

Original Contractor Entity is defined in clause 43.4.

Parties mean the Government and each Contractor Entity, and **Party** any of the Contractor Entities or the Government. The Government or a Public Company in its capacity as holder of all or part of the Government Interest is Party only in respect of such Government Interest.

Permit means a licence, permit, consent, authorisation, or other permission of the Government or any relevant public authority in the Kurdistan Region in respect of Petroleum Operations.

Permitted Assignee means, as applicable: (a) an Assignee that has received an Assignment in compliance with clause 39, or, (b) in the case of the Government Interest, an Assignee of the Government Interest that received an Assignment thereof in compliance with clause 4.