

- (f) applicants are requested to submit a statement of their policy with regard to the environment;
- (g) further guidance on the material with which applicants may support their applications is given in Notes for Applicants available from the Department of Trade and Industry;
- (h) copies of documents referred to in the text of this notice as being available from the Department of Trade and Industry may be obtained from the Licensing Branch (Room 3.2M.23), Oil & Gas Division, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE, (Telephone No. 071-238 3211/3212).

8. Applicants will be judged against the background of the continuing need for expeditious, thorough, efficient and safe exploration to identify oil and gas resources of the UK Continental Shelf, with due regard to environmental considerations. The financial capability of applicants and their partners will also be taken into consideration. Since the blocks offered are located near established oil and gas infrastructure, applicants will be expected to offer an early commitment to drill exploration wells.

9. Applicants will be expected to contribute to the economic development and exploitation of the UK's oil and gas resources through demonstration of commitment to competitiveness, innovation and cost reduction with due regard to safety and environmental considerations.

10. The Secretary of State will be prepared to consider nominations from companies that unlicensed blocks on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf not listed in Schedule 2, and which are not in frontier areas, should also be advertised for offer. Offers for licensing available blocks resulting from these nominations will be by Gazette Notice, and will be known as the UKCS 16th Round of Licensing. Nominations for the UKCS 16th Round must be submitted to the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Trade and Industry at 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE, by no later than Tuesday, 26th July 1994. It would be helpful if companies would give some indication of priorities when listing nominations. The Secretary of State will also offer for licensing in the UKCS 16th Round blocks on the UKCS which are located near to an established oil and gas infrastructure in the Northern North Sea. The terms for blocks offered in the UKCS 16th Round of Licensing may differ from those advertised in this notice (see paragraphs 3 and 4 above).

11. Nominations for blocks in frontier areas of the UKCS will be sought at a later date to be announced.

12. Applicants may wish to seek advice from the Licensing Branch of the Department of Trade and Industry (see paragraph 7(h) above) on which areas may be regarded as requiring frontier terms for exploration.

13. Following examination of all applications the Secretary of State will select the applicants to whom he is prepared to award licences. If there are two or more applicants for a block who would be equally acceptable to the Secretary of State as licensees for that block he may suggest that the licence should be held jointly by some or all of such applicants.

14. The selected applicants will be offered licences on condition that within 14 working days of the date on which the Secretary of State makes the offer of an award:

- (a) they confirm acceptance of a work programme proposed by the Secretary of State following discussion with the applicants concerned;
- (b) they remit to the Secretary of State the appropriate payment referred to in paragraph 4(a) above; and
- (c) they confirm in writing that they accept any special conditions or restrictions of the sort referred to in paragraph 5 above.

15. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing.

SCHEDULE 2

UKCS 15th Round of Licensing

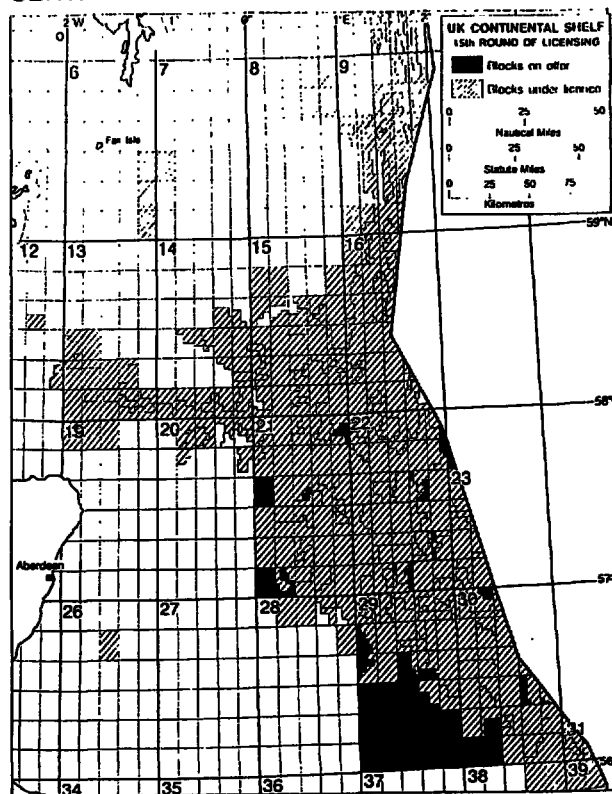
Unlicensed Acreage in Defined Established Areas

Central Graben

Quadrant 21	Quadrant 22	Quadrant 23
21/5c	22/5c	23/6
21/11	22/10c	
21/13c	22/14c	
21/26	22/14d	
21/27c	22/25d	
	22/25e	
	22/28c	
	22/28d	

CENTRAL GRABEN

Schedule 1 (1)



SOUTHERN GAS BASIN

Schedule 1 (2)

