

OPERATION NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT

The Situation

A distress call has been received from the offshore resource extraction platform known as **Bagpipe Beta** that it is being taken over by hostiles.

The platform one of several located in a resource extraction area around 50 kilometres offshore in the southern ocean. The nearest land is an archipelago extending from the frozen southern continent.

The nearest town is New Nero, which has a population of around 20,000, and exists mainly to support the resource extraction industry. Most of the town is owned by the Hat Yay Sirukit Corporation.

This was followed very shortly afterwards by the following broadcast message.

*"To the capitalist oppressors of humanity - the **Hat Yay Sirukit corporation**. As a retaliation for your human rights abuses in the outer colonies, we, representatives of the Democracy and Freedom Today movement are acting to strike a blow for the downtrodden masses of Real Humans.*

*This exploitative and profiteering platform has been taken over by us to show the Universe that we mean business. We are armed, and we have taken the workers of this platform into protective custody. Any harm that comes to them will be the fault of the **Hat Yay Sirukit Corporation**. This includes any detonation of explosives should the platform be attacked by your running-dog rent-a-cop lackies.*

We DEMAND the following:

- *The freeing of all political prisoners held by the repressive **Hat Yay Sirukit** corporatist regime on the colony world of Z156.*
- *A payment of 5 million credits.*
- *An assurance that there will be no reprisals, and safe passage off planet.*

Power to Humanity!"

The **IFU** have been asked to provide a small, elite, quick-reaction force to fly out **immediately** to support the local police in bringing this situation to a conclusion. Fees are negotiable.

The local cops are not well equipped for such situations. Their main work is dealing with drunken brawls and petty theft.

They are able to provide boats and flyers to transport units to the platform.

The Local Police Chief is Chief Inspector Annie Elliot, and mayor of New Nero is Alberta McKay

The local Corporation representative is Director Hasaan Ahmed

DATABURST: BAGPIPE BETA

**Hat Yay Sirukit Offshore Hydrocarbon Extraction Platform
Southern Ocean, Percentage Q8**

Command Crew

Chief Operations Manager	Dom May
Chief Technician	Thor Silverbrook
Foreman	Klaus Meyer

Operations Crew

Drilling Tech	Anibal Blackman
Pumping Tech	Bonny Lovehoney
Boring Tech	Boris Borsova
Systems Tech	Louis Ganna
General Hand	Alessia Gannon
General Hand	Lilly Locknut

Security Crew

Security Officer	Emma Lane
Guard	Anabel Sanchez
Guard	Marva Harrison *

Support Crew

Cook	Simon Harsley *
Steward	Clare Bravenet

Key Data

The platform has:

- Flyer landing pad.

- Weather radar
- 4 inflatable lifeboats each capable of carrying 6 personnel

Operations are controlled from a control hut on the top deck.

The platform has accommodation for up to 20.

The Security team have sidearms and LTA, and their role is to discourage pirates or criminals from compromising the operation.

They are licensed to carry arms and have been officially deputised into the Colonial Office of Police.



Artist's impression

WEATHER

This area is subject to highly variable weather and sea states.

The forecast is for fine and clear weather for the next five days – however, there is a weather front coming in from the east which indicates a 70% probability of rain and high winds, and a rougher sea state by day 6. This is the precursor of around 10 days of worsening weather.

LOCAL FAUNA

This platform is in the spawning grounds of the Greater Percentage Sea Serpent. These aquatic reptiles grow to an average of around 20m long in adult form and are normally timid and avoid humans. However, during this time of year they can be erratic as it is currently the breeding period.