

## Department of Primary Industries

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23 January 2006

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Dear Mr Ah-Cann

### **APPROVAL TO PLUG & ABANDON MANTA-2 AND TO DRILL MANTA-2A WELL IN VIC/L26**

I refer to your letter dated 23 January 2006, on behalf of Anzon Australia Ltd, requesting approval to plug and abandon the Manta-2 well and to drill the Manta-2A well.

In accordance with the provisions of Clause 513 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act, Schedule of Specific Requirement as to Offshore Petroleum Exploration and Production in Water under Commonwealth Jurisdiction 1997* and Regulation 17 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Well Operations) Regulations 2004*, I hereby approve the plug and abandonment of the Manta-2 well in accordance with the Manta-2's Plug & Abandonment Programme dated January 2006.

In accordance with provisions of Clause 501 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act, Schedule of Specific Requirement as to Offshore Petroleum Exploration and Production in Water under Commonwealth Jurisdiction 1997* and Regulation 17 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Well Operations) Regulations 2004*, I hereby approve the drilling of Manta-2A well in accordance with the accepted

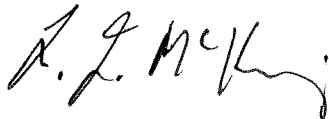


documents mentioned in my approval letter dated 3 January 2006 for the drilling and completion of the Manta-2 well.

These approvals to plug and abandon the Manta-2 well and to drill the Manta-2A well are subject to the same conditions as mentioned in my approval letter dated 3 January 2006 for the drilling of the Manta-2 well.

I note that the Manta-2 well head will eventually be cut and recovered prior to the rig moving away from the Manta-2 / Manta-2A drilling site. A seabed survey must be carried out, demonstrating that the area surrounding the well location is free of debris and obstructions likely to become hazardous to other operations and activities including fishing, prior to the rig move from the Manta-2 / Manta-2A drilling site.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. McKinley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

TERRY McKINLEY

**Manager, Petroleum Operations, Safety and Environment**

cc. Ray Wells, NOPSA