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Mr. Robert Harms
Manager Petroleum Information Team
Safety & Environment
Department of Primary Industries
Level 16, 1 Spring Street
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Re: Request to extend submission date for Snapper A21A Hydrocarbon Samples

Dear Sir:

Per my telephone conversation of 24th July, 2009 with David Wong, Esso Australia seeks approval to defer submission of hydrocarbon samples for the Snapper A21A well until 31 December 2009.

In accordance with Esso's agreed Data Management Plan, hydrocarbon samples and related reports for the Snapper A21A well were due for submission on 27 March, 2009, twelve months after the rig release date of 27 March, 2008. In February, 2009 we requested an extension of this deadline to enable completion of analysis of fluid samples, which is still ongoing. In addition, we are considering conducting further analysis of these samples.

We have enclosed a draft copy of the fluid analysis reports to date and the hydrocarbon samples will be provided to you as soon as possible after the results have been appropriately reviewed.

You will recall that the Well Completion Report was submitted within six months of the rig release date on 26th September 2008 and then resubmitted with the Petrology Report on 15th January 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9270 3251 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Schmidtke".

Eric Schmidtke

Project Manager, Production Gippsland Geoscience

cc. Terry McKinley
David Wong

