

1 October 2009

NOPSA
Level 15, Enex 100
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Australia

Our reference: CU60048/14101/80097071

Dear Mr Dunster

West Atlas

1. We refer to your letter dated 15 September 2009.
2. In addition to the Written Report already acknowledged as received by NOPSA, your letter requests us as Operator of the West Atlas facility to provide information concerning:
 - Gazette Item 20 Root cause analysis and full report; and
 - Gazette Item 21 Actions to prevent recurrence etc and completion date,
3. The letter specifies that this information be provided to NOPSA no later than 2 October 2009.
4. As you are aware, the West Atlas facility and the Montara WHP is the subject of an ongoing investigation and conditions are currently such as to preclude access to either installation. The release of hydrocarbons to surface are not yet understood. At this time Atlas Drilling do not consider a full written report which includes a root cause analysis and actions to prevent recurrence of the incident can be concluded.
5. Atlas Drilling is conducting an investigation into the reasons for the incident and intend to provide the results from this investigation as soon as practicable. In the circumstances, we seek NOPSA's agreement to extend the current deadline until a reasonable time after safe access to the Platform is secured, at which time, gazette items 20 and 21 may be completed.

Yours faithfully



Donald Millar
West Atlas - Rig Manager