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Dear Mr Jacob

Revision of Montara Wellhead Platform Safety Case on request by the Safety Authority

You are hereby requested, under regulation 35 of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Safety on Offshore Facilities) Regulations 1996*, to submit a revised safety case for the Montara Wellhead Platform facility.

The Safety Authority agrees to the submission being in the form of a revision to part of the safety case in force for the facility.

The revised safety case must address the following matters:

1. Initial investigative activities to assess the condition of the facility.
2. Activities associated with implementation of well control barrier(s) into the H1 ST1 well.
3. Activities to verify the integrity of the facility.

The proposed date of effect of the revision is to coincide with the demonstration of at least one effective well control barrier in the H1 ST1 well, noting the date of effect is contingent upon both the acceptability of the revised safety case and consideration of the time required for assessment, further noting these two contingencies are interrelated.

The grounds for this request are that:

1. The circumstances at the facility subsequent to the sustained uncontrolled release of flammable hydrocarbons from the H1 ST1 well are not considered in the safety case in force.

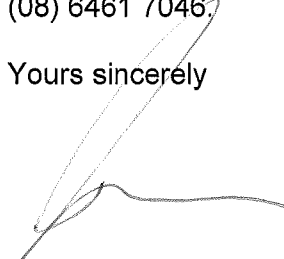
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Regulation 35(4) allows PTTEP (Ashmore Cartier) Pty Ltd, as operator of the Montara Wellhead Platform facility, to make a submission in writing to NOPSA requesting a variation or withdrawal of the request for revision of the safety case if it believes the revision should not occur, or should be in different terms from those proposed, or should take effect on a later date. If you wish to make such a submission, then you must do so within 21 days of receiving this request.

The Safety Authority is also requesting a revision to the safety case in force for the West Atlas facility with regard to activities subsequent to bringing the H1 ST1 well under control.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me (08) 6461 7046.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Dunster
Team leader

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