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Dear Mr Berger

I refer to recent email correspondence from Cameron Allen and Joanna Blair of the Montara Commission of Inquiry ('the Inquiry'), both dated 26 May 2010. I am writing in response to this correspondence and also to provide an update on one of the facts set out in the submission that AMSA provided to the Inquiry.

Amendment to the AMSA submission

Appendix 8 of the AMSA submission to the Inquiry is a chart that shows that 140,620 litres of dispersant were applied during the Montara response. This data was based on the daily aircraft and vessel reports.

AMSA has recently completed an audit of dispersant stocks and empty containers for the purpose of seeking tenders for replacement dispersant stock. This audit has shown that up to a maximum of 184,135 litres of dispersant was applied during the Montara response, (although the figure cannot be absolutely precise, noting that some residue remained in each container). AMSA requests the Inquiry to note that, based on the recent audit, up to 184,135 litres of dispersant were used in the response.

Correspondence from Mr Allen

Mr Allen provided to AMSA the response of PTTEP to the draft findings on the environmental issues relating to the Uncontrolled Release. In relation to the response against paragraph 1.79, AMSA requests the Inquiry to note the response provided to the Inquiry in relation to Mr Storrie's evidence (page 2357 of the transcript), that he would provide to the Inquiry any file notes or other documentary evidence in relation to AMSA advising PTTEP that a more accurate measure of oil volume was not required.



In response to the further inquiry by Mr Storrie, AMSA has advised the Inquiry that it has not been able to find any such documentation (correspondence of 28 April 2010). AMSA can only state that the 400 barrel per day estimation was provided by PTTEP to Mr Storrie (paragraph 29 of the Statutory Declaration of Mr Storrie) and that Mr Storrie made attempts to validate this figure using standard methodologies (page 2387 of the transcript).

Correspondence from Ms Blair

Ms Blair has requested that AMSA provide originals of photographs, diagrams and maps for use in the final report. AMSA has no objection to the publication of the three items identified by Ms Blair and is happy to assist with providing another format for these items, if available. These will be forwarded onto the Inquiry as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely



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