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By email to: request-522085-d9fbf7f8@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: FOI-2018-0054

24 October 2018

Dear Mr Bales,

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2018, in which you requested the following information:

"Dear Oil and Gas Authority,

Would you please confirm what form of Parental Guarantee has been provided by Ineos Holdings Limited or other parts of the Ineos Group to underpin the liabilities and obligations of Ineos Upstream Limited, in respect of the various PEDL agreements currently in place. Please provide copies of relevant documentation or correspondence."

Your request is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs') on the basis that the information you have sought disclosure of, does in our view, fall within the definition of 'environmental information' as stated in the EIRs.

However, to the extent that any of the information requested may not be environmental, we have also considered your requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Accordingly, your requests have been dealt with under the terms of the EIRs and the FOIA

We are writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information needs to be extended.

Under the EIRs, we are required to respond to requests as soon as possible, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving a request. However, by

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regulation 7 the period of 20 working days may be extended up to a total of 40 working days if we reasonably believe that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impractical to comply with a request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so.

In respect of your request, we believe that regulation 7 applies. Therefore, although we shall not be able to respond fully to your request within the 20 working day period, we shall do so as soon as possible within the extended period.

Under the FOIA a public authority is also permitted to extend the period of time in which to reply when it is necessary to consider a test of the public interest.

We hope to provide you with a response by 21 November 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Strategy Directorate