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Dear Samantha,

**RE: Planning Permission for Proposed Activities on Petroleum Licence PL235**

I am writing to you concerning an application that Angus Energy Weald Basin No. 3 limited ('**Angus**') has made to the Oil and Gas Authority ('**OGA**') to re-enter and complete (make it capable of flowing hydrocarbons) the Brockham X4Z horizontal sidetrack well. You will be aware that an approval or consent to an activity as required pursuant to a petroleum licence does not give or imply any other authorisations for the activity required by law, including planning permission.

The activities applied for (the '**Operations**') are to re-enter the well to complete and then produce hydrocarbons under the existing production consent.

The OGA is not in a position to form an independent view on the validity and scope of the planning permission for the Operations since this is a highly specialised field, but as part of our consideration of whether or not to consent to or approve certain activities, we seek confirmation from applicant licensees that they have planning permission for their proposed operations. We do this because we want to avoid consenting to activities that a licensee cannot lawfully progress in a timely manner since this would reduce the effectiveness of the controls in the licence by which we seek to maximise the value to the UK of its petroleum resources.

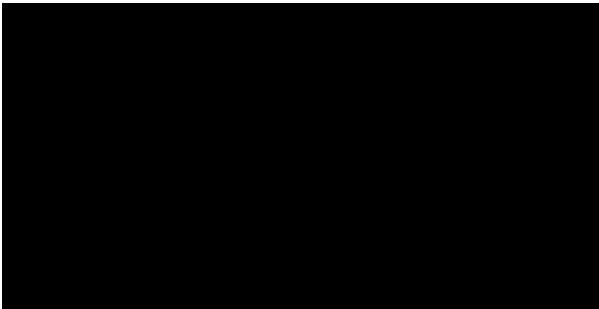
Angus has responded and confirmed that it considers permissions granted by Surrey County Council in May 1987 (MO86/1112) for the site, then in January 1995 (MO92/0969) for further wells, and completion and production permission granted in May 2007 (MO06/1294) cover the Operations. However, Angus has also indicated that there is a disagreement with Surrey County Council over the scope of existing planning permission.

In the light of the fact that there is a disagreement over the validity of the planning permission, should we decide to provide our consent or approval for the Operations, we may include in the

consent or approval any conditions we consider necessary to ensure that we are able to maintain the effectiveness of our controls as mentioned above. We would also make clear to Angus that our consent or approval does not provide or imply any other authorisations that it needs to lawfully undertake the Operations.

We have not yet completed our consideration of the application but expect to be in a position to make a decision within the coming weeks. Given the complex background to this case, we would like to invite you or a member of your team to meet with us to discuss the matter further. If you would like to accept this offer, please contact our [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to arrange the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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