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31 October 2000

Santos Ltd
Mr Jon Young
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Dear Jon,

LOW AND HIGH SUPERVISION REGULATED ACTIVITIES (ACTIVITIES)

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 7(1) under the schedule of the *Petroleum Act 2000* (the Act), the activities listed below undertaken by Santos Ltd as operator in its licence areas in the Cooper/Eromanga Basin of South Australia are taken to be classified, on the commencement of the Act, as activities requiring low level official supervision for the purposes of Section 74 of the Act.

Low Supervision Activities for the Cooper/Eromanga Basin

- All activities covered by the approved alternative arrangements, approved on the 8 June 2000 under regulation 16(2) of the *Petroleum Regulations 1989*.
- All activities covered by approved statement of environmental objectives for drilling and well operations in the Cooper/Eromanga Basin – South Australia, approved on the 17 August 2000.

The above classification will be reviewed in accordance with Section 74 within the next 2 years from the proclamation of the Act (being 25 September 2000).

Please note that because seismic activities carried out within the Cooper Basin are currently not covered by an approved alternative arrangement under regulation 16(2) of the *Petroleum Regulations 1989*. These activities cannot be covered by section 7(1) under the schedule of the Act.

The Minister will shortly make a determination on Santos' level of official supervision and the applicable level of licence fees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R A LAWS', written over the words 'Yours sincerely'.

R A LAWS
DIRECTOR PETROLEUM GROUP
OFFICE OF MINERALS AND ENERGY
Delegate to the Minister for Minerals and Energy Resources