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Mr Hector Gordon
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Dear Hector

**LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL SUPERVISION OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYING
ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 74 of the Petroleum Act 2000 (the Act), that geophysical surveying activities undertaken by Beach Petroleum Ltd in its license areas within South Australia, are classified as activities requiring low level official supervision. The assessment of your application is attached.

My decision to grant this status is aided by the highly satisfactory environmental performance of Beach Petroleum Ltd, in relation to its prior geophysical surveying activities in its license areas in South Australia, and demonstration of appropriate management systems in place. I am satisfied that Beach Petroleum Ltd has clearly demonstrated sufficient competence in adequately complying with the requirements of the Act and its license conditions in respect to these regulated activities.

Please note that under current policy, license fees will only be reduced when all regulated activities are granted low supervision status.

Yours sincerely

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ACTING DIRECTOR, PETROLEUM
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Delegate of the Minister for Mineral Resources Development**