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Dear Steven,

**Re: Request for Extension — Multi-well Exploration and Appraisal Production Testing from Deep Coals in PEL 96 (October 2020) — Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) — 5 year review**

The Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) on 23 June 2025 received a request from Strike Energy for an extension of time on the Multi-well Exploration and Appraisal Production Testing from Deep Coals in PEL 96 (October 2020) SEO five-year review.

DEM understands Strike Energy have initiated rehabilitation and restoration works under the PEL 96 Rehabilitation Plan and consider the existing SEO and EIR as still fit for purpose for the current and proposed remedial surface work activities. Further, any subsurface activities such as well abandonment and well pad restoration will continue to be covered under the Statement of Environmental Objectives – Drilling, Completion and Well Operations (Santos 2021).

Therefore, Pursuant to Section 134 of the *Energy Resources Act 2000* (ER Act), DEM grant an extension of time for the review and submission of the revised (if required) SEO to 31 December 2026.

Noting the recent changes to the ER Act, it is expected that any revised documents will have been developed in accordance with the revised ER Act and associated regulations, prior to formal submission to DEM for consideration under the ER Act. Until such time, the ongoing rehabilitation and restoration works on PEL 96, must comply with the requirements of the Multi-well Exploration and Appraisal Production Testing from Deep Coals in PEL 96 SEO, gazetted in October 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Malavazos', enclosed in a circular scribble.

Michael Malavazos

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