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Dear Glenn,

Re: Request to Extend Time Limit for Review of SEO and EIR Pipeline Licence 18 – SA Portion of the QSN Pipeline

The Department for Energy and Mining – Energy Resources Division (DEM-ERD) on the 7 November 2018 received a request from APA Pty Limited (APA) for an extension of time on the *QSN Link Pipeline, Pipeline License 18, Statement of Environmental Objectives, December 2013* five year review.

DEM-ERD acknowledges APA are currently implementing a national environmental management plan improvement program, which will update and create environmental management plans (EMP) for every operational asset in a consistent manner across APA. DEM-ERD is aware the EMP for the South West Queensland Pipeline system (which includes the QSN Pipeline) is currently under development and has included a comprehensive review of environmental risks and obligations, and the identification of unique control measures for the pipeline.

To ensure components of this review applicable to the QSN Pipeline within South Australia are finalised and incorporated into the revised SEO and EIR, DEM-ERD grant an extension of time for the review and submission of the revised SEO to the proposed date of **1 April 2019**.

It is expected that any revised documents will have been consulted on with relevant stakeholders prior to formal submission to DEM-ERD for consideration under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

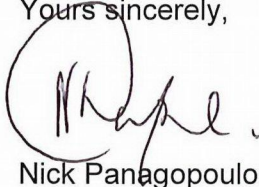
Until such time, the ongoing operation and management of the QSN pipeline are to remain compliant with the requirements of the current SEO, gazetted in February 2014.

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If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact Jarrod Spencer via email at jarrod.spencer2@sa.gov.au or on (08) 8429 2447.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Panagopoulos', is enclosed within a hand-drawn circle.

Nick Panagopoulos

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