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Government of South Australia
Department for Energy and Mining

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Dear Jennifer,

Re: Request for Extension – Arckaringa Drilling Activities (August 2013) – Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO) – 5 year

The Department for Energy and Mining – Energy Resources Division (DEM-ERD) on the 3 April 2019 received a request from SAPEX Pty Limited for (SAPEX) a further extension of time on the *SAPEX Arckaringa Exploration Drilling Activities SEO (August 2013)* five year review.

DEM-ERD is aware that SAPEX has been involved in a lengthy consultation process regarding its draft SEO and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Hydraulic Fracturing within the Arckaringa Basin.

Pursuant to section 14(2) of the Regulations, SAPEX are required to take into account the community expectations in relation to relevant environmental issues. DEM-ERD are therefore prepared to grant SAPEX additional time to consider the community expectations in relation to the *Arckaringa Exploration Drilling Activities SEO* to ensure any relevant environmental issues are addressed.

Therefore, DEM-ERD grant a further extension of time for the review and submission of the revised (if required) SEO to the proposed date of **30 June 2019**. At this time a comprehensive review of the above mentioned SEO and respective EIR must be undertaken prior to recommencement of drilling activities within the Arckaringa Basin.

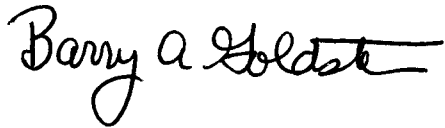
It is expected that any revised documents will have been consulted on with relevant stakeholders prior to formal submission to DEM-ERD for consideration under the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000.

Until such time, the ongoing rehabilitation and management of activities previously completed under the *SAPEX Arckaringa Exploration Drilling SEO* are to remain compliant with the requirements of the current SEO, gazetted in September 2013.

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry a Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Goldstein
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Delegate of the Minister for Energy and Mining