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Dear Louise,

Nexen Petroleum U.K. Limited requests that the Minister of the Department of Communication, Climate Action and the Environment make Environmental Impact Assessment and Natura Impact Statement Appropriate Assessment screening decisions based on the following documents, receipt of which were acknowledged by the Petroleum Affairs Division (PAD) on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.

- IE-EXP-52/04-IOLAR-HS-00010-RP-01 Iolar Exploration Well -Environmental Risk Assessment (EIA Screening) Report
- IE-EXP-52/04-IOLAR-HS-00013-RP-01 Environmental Support to Drilling in Irish Waters – Subcontractor Report Pre-Drilling Fisheries Study
- IE-EXP-52/04-IOLAR-HS-00016-RP-01 Iolar Exploration Well – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report

These documents will form part of an application to drill the 52/04-A Iolar exploration well on Irish Continental Shelf Petroleum Exploration Licence No. 3/18 (Frontier). The application to drill and required submissions including the Permit for Use and Discharge of Chemicals (PUDAC), the Financial Responsibility Assessment and the Generic Well Proposal will be submitted to PAD in the coming weeks. In addition, at time permission will be sought to place a temporary well head and associated infrastructure on the seabed, pursuant to section 5(2) of the Continental Shelf Act, 1968.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ball  
Ireland Environmental Specialist