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**Attn: Mr. Noel Regan**

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**Re: Kinsale Head Area Gasfield – Application for approval to an Addendum to the Plan of Development (Decommissioning Plan – Consent Application No. 2)**

Dear Mr. Regan,

I refer to your letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> November to F.G. Murphy in connection with the above mentioned application.


The platform leg survey referred to in section 6.1.1 of the Decommissioning Plan has been completed. This survey consisted of an internal camera inspection of the legs to determine the bottom elevation inside the piles and to check for obstructions inside the legs that would prevent the use of an internal cutting tool. The survey has shown that internal access is possible for five of the eight Alpha Platform legs but was unable to confirm internal access for any of the Bravo Platform legs. Consequently a combination of internal abrasive water jet cutting tool (AWJC) and external diamond wire cutting tool (DWC) methods will be employed to cut the legs and this has been agreed with the removal contractor.

The precise cutting elevation will be determined during detailed engineering, but in all cases the leg cuts will be made at or below the surface of the seabed in compliance with OSPAR Decision 98/3.

The possible requirement for short sections of leg to be left exposed above the seabed requiring rock cover, referred to in section 6.1.1 of the Decommissioning Plan and in Section 7.3.2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), no longer applies.

If you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c. F.G. Murphy (KEL)