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Your ref: WSCC/005/14/BA

Date: 14 March 2014

Dear Sir / Madam

TEMPORARY PERMISSION FOR EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL COMPRISING THE FLOW TESTING AND MONITORING OF THE EXISTING HYDROCARBON LATERAL BOREHOLE ALONG WITH SITE SECURITY FENCING, THE PROVISION OF AN ENCLOSED TESTING FLARE AND SITE RESTORATION.

LOWER STUMBLE HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION SITE, LONDON ROAD, BALCOMBE, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX, RH17 6JH

Thank you for your consultation on this proposal. Please quote our reference number in any correspondence.

Environment Agency Position

We consider that planning permission should only be granted to the proposed development as submitted if the following planning condition is imposed as set out below. Without this condition, the proposed development on this site poses an unacceptable risk to the environment and we would wish to object to the application.

Condition – Construction Method Statement

No development shall take place until details of the construction of the engineered site to prevent pollution has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The approved Method Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Statement shall provide for:

- Details of how the impermeable membrane is constructed
- Details of remediation to the existing membrane



- Details of inspection and maintenance

All of the above must include detailed pollution prevention assessments and mitigation methods to prevent pollution of the water environment.

Any changes to these components require the express written consent of the local planning authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To protect water quality and ensure compliance with the NPPF

We would wish to be consulted on the details provided to discharge this condition.

Supporting Notes

We have reviewed the drainage strategy report and find the details satisfactory.

Non Planning Consents

The proposed activities on site have the benefit of a Mining Waste Permit and a Radioactive Substances Activity Permit. The Mining Waste Permit covers the storage and disposal of liquid wastes from the well testing. The Radioactive Substances Permit covers the storage and disposal of formation water containing Natural Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) from the well flow testing phase.

Yours sincerely

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