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22 October 2004

Mr David Hayter Manager, Operations South East Australia Gas Pty Ltd GPO Box 2666 Adelaide SA 5001

Dear David,

LOW-LEVEL OFFICIAL SUPERVISION CLASSIFICATION: PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

I refer to your letter dated 12 October 2004, seeking the Minister's approval under Section 74 of the *Petroleum Act 2000* (the Act) for South East Australia Gas Pty Ltd to be granted low-level official supervision for pipeline construction activities.

Following review of the Construction Environmental Management Plan, submitted 6 October 2004, and discussions held during the meeting on 21 October 2004, it has been demonstrated to my satisfaction that SEA Gas is competent against the operator assessment factors listed in Regulation 16(2) of the Act.

Pursuant to delegated powers, I hereby classify under Section 74(4) of the Act, low-level official supervision for pipeline construction carried out by South East Australia Gas Pty Ltd.

Please note that in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Act, formal approval is not required to conduct activities classified by the Minister as requiring low-level supervision. However an activity notification must be provided to the Minister at least 21 days before the proposed commencement of the activities. For the Naracoorte lateral this notification was received 6 October 2004.

Yours sincerely,

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A/DIRECTOR, PETROLEUM

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