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31 October 2000

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Dear John,

LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL SUPERVISION OF REGULATED ACTIVITIES (ACTIVITIES)

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 7(1) under the schedule of the *Petroleum Act 2000* (the Act), the activities listed below undertaken by Origin Energy as operator under its licences in the Otway Basin of South Australia are taken to be classified, on the commencement of the Act, as activities requiring low level official supervision for the purposes of section 74 of the Act.

Low Supervision Activities for the Otway Basin

- Production and processing activities covered by the 22 September 2000 approved Statement of environmental objectives for Production and Processing of Petroleum and Associated Activities in the Otway Basin – South Australia.
- All seismic activities covered by the 22 September 2000 approved Statement of Environmental Objectives for seismic operations in the Otway Basin, South Australia, Report Book 2000/039.

Any activities associated with well drilling, well completion and well workovers are not classified as low supervision. Therefore notification of these activities will be required in accordance with regulation 19 of the *Petroleum Regulations* 2000.

The Minister has been advised to review the above classification in accordance with section 74 within the next 2 years from the proclamation of the Act, being 25 September 2000.

The Minister will shortly make a determination on Origin Energy's applicable level of licence fees.

Yours sincerely

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Delegate to the Minister for Minerals and Energy Resources