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Government of South Australia
Department for Energy and Mining

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Mr Tim Flowers
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Beach Energy Limited
Level 8, 80 Flinders Street
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Att: Zoë Bowen

Dear Tim,

Re: PEL 182 Controlled Access Zone Drilling, Completions and Well Operations (November 2016) – Statement of Environmental Objectives (SEO)

Thank you for your letter dated 31 August 2021 requesting that I, as the Minister's delegate, concur with Beach Energy's (Beach) position that the PEL 182 Controlled Access Zone Drilling, Completions and Well Operations SEO (November 2016) does not require revision for re-gazettal pursuant to Regulation 14 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Regulations 2013*.

Your premise for this request is that Beach do not intend to conduct any further exploration drilling activities in ex-PEL 182 and that future activities in the permit will focus on the abandonment and rehabilitation of existing exploration wells. Beach have undertaken a review and believe the SEO is still fit for purpose and that no revision is necessary at this time.

In consideration of the above, DEM-ERD accepts that the PEL 182 Controlled Access Zone Drilling, Completions and Well Operations SEO does not require a revision to address any significant changes in information, knowledge, community expectations, land use, operational practices or any other matters at this time. The SEO will therefore remain in force and all activities including abandonment and rehabilitation of the existing wells must comply with the current SEO.

Please note a revision of the SEO will be required should any further drilling activities be proposed within the Controlled Access Zone. If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact Jarrod Spencer via email at jarrod.spencer@sa.gov.au or on (08) 8429 2447.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Goldstein'.

Barry Goldstein
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