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Mr. Theodore Rockwell U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Alaska Operations Office 222 W. 7th Avenue #19 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7588

Subject:

Clarification of Freshwater Use (RFI No. 89)

ExxonMobil Development Company Point Thomson Gas Cycling Project

Dear Mr. Rockwell:

ExxonMobil Development Company (ExxonMobil) is pleased to provide further explanation to the expected freshwater demand and use. The attached information is being provided to the EPA and the EIS Contractor (CH2M Hill) in support of the proposed Point Thomson Gas Cycling Project.

In addition to the attached hardcopy, an electronic copy has been provided to CH2M Hill. ExxonMobil developed this transmittal to satisfy RFI No. 89 as presented by CH2M Hill in the ElSrfiTracking database.

Singerely,

Larry D. Harms Regulatory Manager

Attachment

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Point Thomson Gas Cycling Project Response to EIS Data Information Needs Clarification to Freshwater Use -EIS RFI 89

The EIS Team raised the following questions:

With reference to the information presented in the Point Thomson Project Description, Revision B:

- Confirm freshwater use beyond 2008 (e.g., domestic water use)
- Confirm freshwater use for use roads for 2007 and 2008, given the statement in Rev B that ice roads may be used for drill rig de-mob in 2008.

Answer:

The ExxonMobil engineering team has estimated the timing and volumes of fresh water use required for the Point Thomson Gas Cycling project. This estimate is based upon our current understanding of the project execution requirements. A summary of the water volumes, use and timing for years 2005,2006,2007 and 2008 is presented in Tables 7-3 through 7-3D.

Freshwater use beyond 2008 will be for domestic use only.

With regard to freshwater use for roads, Note 15 on page 7-12 stating "May construct ice road in winter 2007 and /or 2008 " refers to a requirement that could develop if the drilling program could not be executed per the schedule presented in Table 4-1. For example, referring to Table 4-1, if one of the rigs finished it's drilling program early an ice road may be required to de-mobilize the rig from the Point Thomson Field. Likewise, in the event that the drilling program experienced logistic or technical delays beyond the 2008 barge season, an ice road may have to be constructed for the demobilization of one or more of the drill rigs.