23 October 2012

Paul McMahon

BY EMAIL

Dear Mr McMahon

REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

1   I refer to your email of 16 October 2012 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the "**Act**") the *"locations of all and any exploration wells that have been drilled or approved within Petroleum Exploration Permit's ('PEP') 52605 and 38264"*.

PEP 52605

2   No exploration wells were drilled within this permit between the date it was granted (20 September 2011) and the date that it was surrendered (10 September 2012). Because the permit has been surrendered, there are no exploration wells that have been approved for drilling. However, for your interest, I have **attached** the locations of historic wells drilled within the area which was covered by that permit.

PEP 38264

3   No exploration wells have been drilled within this permit. The permit holder has an obligation to drill a well within the permit area before 7 June 2014. If the permit holder decides to comply with this obligation, it will need resource consent from a local authority (if the proposed location is within 12 nautical miles) or it will be dealt accordingly by the Environmental Protection Authority (if the proposed location is outside 12 nautical miles).

4   I note that the majority of the information you have requested is public information and available on our website through our online services - http://www.nzpam.govt.nz/cms. This includes general permit details, well drilling requirements and locations of historic wells (please note that data received within the last 5 years is subject to confidentiality).

Yours sincerely

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PERMIT NO.	PETROLEUM WELL NAME	SPUD DATE	COMPLETION DATE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
PEP 52605	J.D. George-1	11/09/1969	5/10/1969	-43.91945	171.90094
PEP 52605	Ealing-1	19/10/2000	5/11/2000	-44.05168	171.48295

PEP 38264	No previous wells drilled within the area which is now covered by PEP 38264