

OUT16/37102

Mr Neale House
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Dear Mr House

Re: Continued Operation of Tintsville Pilot and associated Flare, Petroleum Exploration Licence 238 and Petroleum Production Lease 3.

I refer to your application form (ESF4 form) submitted 28 September 2016 requesting a modification to the Tintsville Pilot recommencement approval, Petroleum Exploration licence (PEL) 238 and Petroleum Production Lease (PPL) 3.

A previous modification to the Tintsville Pilot approving the recommencement of the Tintsville Pilot and construction and operation of the associated flare was provided by the Office of Coal Seam Gas on 25 October 2013 (Ref OUT13/32001). This modification provided the following condition:

- 2. All works must be completed and the site fully rehabilitated by 31 October 2016 (3 years), unless an extension to this period is approved by the Minister before this time, or the works are permitted within a subsequent development approval under the EP&A Act.*

Santos has recently submitted an application to renew PEL238, with the intention of continuing exploration activities, including the use of the Tintsville Pilot (Tintsville 2-7).

In accordance with Condition 2 and 3 of PEL238, under delegation from the Minister for Resources and Energy dated 7 July 2016, the modification to the exploration activity approval for the recommencement of the Tintsville Pilot dated 25 October 2013 via the removal of Condition 2 is approved.

Should you wish to discuss any details of this letter, please contact me on 02 4222 8321.

Yours sincerely



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Dated: 7 October 2016