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The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. 4th Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Center Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Attention : Atty. Pete M. Malabanan

Head, Disclosure Department

Subject: Service Contract No. 55

Ultra Deepwater West Palawan

Dear Atty. Malabanan:

Please be informed that in a letter which we received on 14 August 2008, the Department of Energy confirmed that the SC 55 consortium had fulfilled the work commitment for the 2nd Sub-Phase of the Exploration Period (5 February 2008 to 5 August 2009) with its acquisition of 976 line-km of 2D seismic data in June 2007. Further, the deadline for the delivery of one (1) exploratory well for the 3rd Sub-Phase is 5 August 2010.

Trans-Asia has 15% participating interest in SC 55,

Very truly yours,

Raymundo A. Reves, Jr. CIO/VP for Exploration