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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

## Dear Atty. Malabanan:

The Department of Energy approved the entry of the Service Contract no. 51 consortium into the 3<sup>rd</sup> sub-Phase of the Exploration Period (February 8, 2008 to March 8, 2009), which entails a commitment to drill one (1) exploratory well in the contract area in eastern Visayas.

Trans-Asia has 6.67% participating interest in SC 51.

Very truly yours,

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

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