

**TO:** BOB LAWS  
DIRECTOR PETROLEUM

**FROM:** ANGELA CRIMES

**SUBJECT:** IONA TO ADELAIDE PIPELINE  
PRELIMINARY SURVEY LICENCE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**DATE:** 6 April 2001

**THROUGH:** RICHARD MCDONOUGH

### SUMMARY

- Preliminary Survey Activities for the Iona to Adelaide Pipeline have been assessed to be of **low impact**.
- Approval is sought from the Director Petroleum pursuant to Delegation, dated 25 September 2000, *Gazetted* 28 September 2000, of the low impact classification.

### INTRODUCTION

An application for a Preliminary Survey Licence for the Proposed Iona to Adelaide Pipeline was received from GPU Gasnet in their letter dated 14 March 2001.

The application documentation included the following:

- Environmental Impact Report
- Statement of Environmental Objectives

### CLASSIFICATION OF THE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

In accordance with the requirements of the Petroleum Act 2000, Section 98, a classification of the level of environmental impact has been carried out in accordance with the published criteria<sup>1</sup>.

According to this assessment (see attachment 1), the preliminary survey activities have been determined to be **low impact activities**.

This is to be expected as the physical impacts on the land are minimal. Furthermore, consultation with land holders will be undertaken to ensure that their needs are accounted for.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/pages/petrol/environmental\\_reg/documents/criteria\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/pages/petrol/environmental_reg/documents/criteria_guidelines.pdf)

## **DEH CONSULTATION**

In accordance with the terms of the MOU dated 24 October 2000<sup>2</sup>, comment has been sought from DEH on the classification of preliminary survey activities and in a letter dated 26 March 2001, DEH have given their support to the **low impact** determination (see attachment 2).

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore recommended, pursuant to the aforementioned delegated powers, that approval be given to the low impact classification of the Proposed Iona to Adelaide Pipeline preliminary survey activities.

This assessment will be made available to the public in the Environmental Register section of the Petroleum Group web site.

**Angela Crimes**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/pages/petrol/environmental\\_reg/documents/deh2000.pdf](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/pages/petrol/environmental_reg/documents/deh2000.pdf)











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Dear Sir,

The Department for Environment and Heritage has considered the preliminary activities described below and the following comments are offered:

**DME reference:** SR28/1/344                      **type:** PLN Prelim

**locality:** Victoria/SA passing through Murray Bridge

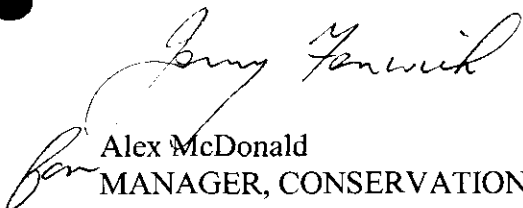
**applicant:** GPU Gasnet Pty Ltd

**comments:**

In accordance with Section 5.2(b) of the Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement dated 24 October 2000, your preliminary assessment, based on the EIR supplied, that the proposed activities are of low environmental impact, is supported.

Further to Section 5.2(e) the draft SEO is considered to be adequate for the proposed activities.

Yours sincerely

  
Alex McDonald  
MANAGER, CONSERVATION PLANNING

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