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RE: Shell Offshore, Inc.

Permit Numbers: R10OCS/PSD-AK-2010-01 and R10OCS/PSD-AK-09-01

Dear Counsels:

The Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") has initiated a pilot alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") program to assist parties in resolving disputes before the Board. Participation is completely voluntary. Please refer to the attached Pilot Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Information Sheet for more information on the Board's pilot ADR program.

If you would like to participate in the Board's ADR program, you must notify the Clerk of the Board no later than November 8, 2011. Because ADR will not take place absent approval from all parties, the Board encourages consultation with opposing counsel or representative prior to notifying the Board. A joint notification of the parties' interest in participating in this program is preferred. As stated in the attached information sheet, if all parties agree to participate in the Board's ADR pilot program, the matter will be stayed for a limited time and the parties will be required to submit brief written summaries of the disputed issues. In limited circumstances, the Board may determine that use of the ADR pilot program is not appropriate.

| If the Board does not receive a request to participate in ADR from both parties, either |                             |  |  |  |  |  |
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| SYMBOL  | jointly or individually, by | November 8, 2011, the matter will remain on the EAB's docket for |  |  |  |  |
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| DATE  | <i>10/26/11</i>             | <i>10/26/11</i>  |  |  |  |  |