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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: ENVIRONMENT PLAN ACCEPTANCE WITH CONDITIONS – NGANHURRA OPERATIONS CESSATION ENVIRONMENT PLAN**

Please be advised that the Nganhurra Operations Cessation environment plan (EP), comprising:

- Nganhurra Operations Cessation environment plan (Document No. K1005UH1400288790, Revision 7, dated 15 December 2020);
- Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements – Australia – Guideline (Document No. W0000AV0003.0001 Revision 14); and
- Nganhurra Cessation of Operations Environment Plan Sensitive Information (Document No. KA9000UF1401356690), Revision 6, dated December 2020)

has been accepted subject to conditions in accordance with regulation 10(6) of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Environment Regulations).

An assessment of the EP was conducted in accordance with the Environment Regulations and NOPSEMA's assessment policies. This included a general assessment of the whole EP and two detailed topic assessments of the EP content, as follows:

- Matters protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act - Focus on whether the EP demonstrates that environmental impacts from the activity, including on the Ningaloo World Heritage Area, will be of an acceptable level.
- Emissions and discharges planned – Review of technical evaluation for disposal options

In accordance with regulation 11(1)(c) NOPSEMA gives notice that acceptance of the EP is subject to conditions applying to operations for the Nganhurra Operations Cessation activity, as detailed in Attachment 1. These conditions are in addition to the requirements that are applied through control measures detailed in the accepted EP.

The reasons for my decision to accept the EP subject to conditions are:

- Condition 1 reduces uncertainty on the impacts from light and its potential to displace nesting turtles and hatchlings
- Condition 2 ensures that impacts and risks to wedge tailed shearwaters will be of an acceptable level
- Condition 3 ensures that impacts and risks to whale sharks will be of an acceptable level

This acceptance is based on the document submission(s) provided in accordance with the Environment Regulations. Please note that the responsibility for the ongoing environmental performance of the Nganhurra Operations Cessation activity remains, at all times, with Woodside Energy Ltd.

NOPSEMA will communicate this acceptance decision on its website and will publish the final environment plan, excluding the sensitive information part, in accordance with regulation 9(2A). To provide transparency of its assessment decision, NOPSEMA will also publish a key matters report outlining the factors contributing to the decision.

Please be advised that in accordance with regulation 7, an activity must not be undertaken in a way that is contrary to the EP in force for the activity, or any condition applying to operations for the activity under the Environment Regulations.

I recognise that an artificial reef permit must be granted under the Environmental Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 for activities described in the EP related to the preparation, towing and placement of the RTM as an artificial reef to proceed.

You are reminded that in accordance with regulation 29, Woodside Energy Ltd must notify NOPSEMA at least ten days before commencement and within ten days after completion of any stage of an activity outlined in the EP.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the lead assessor for your submission

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Yours sincerely

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**Environment Manager, Operations**

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## **Attachment 1**

In accordance with regulation 11(1)(c) NOPSEMA gives notice that acceptance of the EP is subject to the following conditions applying to operations for the Nganhurra Operations Cessation activity:

1. Develop and implement an artificial lighting management and mitigation plan that prevents marine turtles from being displaced from habitat critical to the survival of marine turtles. The plan must include monitoring and adaptive management in the event that marine turtles are attracted to artificial lighting.
2. Manage all offshore operational lighting to prevent attraction and the trapping of wedge tailed shearwaters in light pools on offshore vessels/MODU so that normal behaviours are able to continue.
3. Manage all impacts associated with towing, placing on the seabed, stabilising, modifying and augmenting the riser turret mooring (RTM), to prevent vessel strike and disruption to whale shark foraging.