



**Trans-Asia Oil
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Corporation**

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**MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION
HEAD, DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT
4/F The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.
Philippine Stock Exchange Center
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City**

***Subject: Service Contract No. 55
Offshore West Palawan***

Dear Ms. Encarnacion:

Please be informed that the Department of Energy granted a one-year extension to exploration Sub-Phase 4 of SC 55, which entails a commitment to drill one (1) well.

Sub-Phase 4 will now end on 5 August 2013.

The SC 55 consortium is composed of BHP Billiton Petroleum (Philippines) Corporation (Operator with 60% interest), NorAsian Energy Ltd. (33.18%) and Trans-Asia (6.82%).

Very truly yours,

Raymundo A. Reyes, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Oil and Gas

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