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6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Dear Sir,

**RE: CUADRILLA RESOURCES LIMITED: APPLICATION TITLE 08/12/1032. VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 08/10/0973 TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE TESTING FOR HYDROCARBONS IN THE DRILLED EXPLORATORY BOREHOLE AND THE RSETORATION OF THE SITE BY A FURTHER 18 MONTHS UNTIL 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 LOCATION: BECCONSALL HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION SITE AT BONNY BARN ROAD, HUNDRED END, BANKS.**

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We write to request an amendment to the variation application submitted in September 2012 to remove the need to hydraulically fracture the Becconsall well.

The company would now like to carry out a short conventional hydrocarbon type test operation to include a diagnostic well test. The reason for and the details of the proposed test are outlined in the attached test procedure document titled Becconsall Reservoir Diagnostic Programme. The whole testing programme, including mobilisation and demobilisation, will take approximately 60 to 90 days. In order to ensure that the site is restored following the testing work and within a suitable dry period the company requests a further 6months to the initial extension request of 18 months thus ensuring that all works including the site restoration are completed by the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The additional 6 months requested to carry out the restoration during the spring and summer of 2014 allows for any potential periods of adverse weather and poor ground/soil conditions experienced during recent English summers.

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Subject to receiving planning permission the testing work is programmed to be completed and the site cleared by the end of October 2013 and thereafter the site will be left clear and dormant throughout the 2013 – 2014 wintering bird season. The site will be restored prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014 during the first available suitable dry spell.

You will readily appreciate that similar diagnostic works represent a limited process which would not normally require separate planning consent. In this case, we are satisfied that consent is only required to provide sufficient time to accommodate equipment required for the well testing operation and, in turn, to extend the period required in restoration of the site. We are, in this context, satisfied that the limited nature of the proposed works ensures that the amended planning application would fall far below the thresholds and criteria contained in Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011. As such, we confirm that the revised proposals for the Beconsall well would now remove the need to produce an associated EIA in accordance with the screening exercise previously carried out by LCC's Planning Department. We would ask that you revise the planning register to reflect this position.

The company will be discussing with local landowners options to undertake some field management as mitigation for loss of bird winter grazing whilst the site remains in situ through the winter of 2013 - 2014. Agreements will be secured for these managed areas and forwarded to the Planning Authority in due course. The proposed mitigation is outlined in the attached ecology overview.

In addition to the test procedure document please find a separate transport assessment, an update on the ecology status at the site and supporting photographs.

If you require any further information regarding this amendment in order to publicise it then please contact me on either 01253 530371 or 07974 577920 and [phil.mason@cuadrillaresources.com](mailto:phil.mason@cuadrillaresources.com)

Yours sincerely  
on behalf of Cuadrilla Resources Limited



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