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Government of India

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

.New Delhi, the 17th April, 2008

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The Director General, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, NOIDA.

R & D status for K K Basin blocks. Sub:

Sir,

This has reference to DGH's letter No. DGH/R&D Status/KK-Frontier basin/07 dt.29th November, 2007 regarding consideration of the proposal of grant of R&D status for KK basin blocks. It is hereby informed that the proposal was considered by Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECS) in the meeting held on 18.01.2008. Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECS) has agreed not to grant R&D status to KK basin blocks. In view of this, action in respect of KK basin blocks may be taken in terms of the provisions of PSCs, Extension Policy & this Ministry's letter dt.27th February, 2008 (copy enclosed).

Further, the proposal of grant of 'Rig Moratorium' wef. 01.01.08 in respect of deep water blocks having drilling commitments is under the consideration of the Govt.

Yours faithfully,

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