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For the attention of Gordon Wray

Dear Sir:

Subject: Japex Canada Ltd. Water License No. N7I-1769

With respect to the requirement under 'Part G conditions applying to contingency planning' Item 1, we respectfully request and extension for submitting the Emergency Response Plan. Due to the paper flow through the Japex Canada office to our office at Canadian Petroleum Eng. Inc. we did not receive the document until October 30/01. Canadian Petroleum Eng. Inc. has been retained as the project manager for the Japex/JNOC/GSC et al Gas Hydrate Research Project and therefore is responsible to submit, to your office, the required Emergency Response Plan.

At the present time we have included, in our drilling application, a section entitled 'Emergency Response Plan' however we believe that it may not meet all of the criteria which you requested in the 'Guidelines for Contingency Planning.'

It is our intention to update our Emergency Response Plan so that it covers all of the issues set forth in your guideline document. We, therefore, request a 14 day extension to allow us to provide you with the required Emergency Response Plan as outline in 'Part G (1)'.

We take this opportunity to thank you in giving due consideration to our request.

Regards,

Ed Fercho