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Dear Addressees,

Liverpool Bay Transfer of Operatorship

As you are aware, on 30 September 2013, BHP Billiton Petroleum Great Britain Limited ("**BHPB**") and eni ULX Limited ("**eni**") entered into a binding purchase agreement pursuant to which eni will acquire BHPB's 46.1% working interest in the Liverpool Bay oil and gas fields and associated infrastructure in the East Irish Sea and Point of Ayr Terminal. As a result of the acquisition eni will own 100% of the asset and, subject to receiving the necessary approvals by relevant government authorities, eni Liverpool Bay Operating Company Limited (the "**Successor Operator**"), a wholly owned subsidiary of eni UK Limited, will become operator and duty holder.

We are making every effort to ensure a smooth transfer of operations from BHP Billiton Petroleum Limited (the "**Outgoing Operator**") to the Successor Operator. We believe that it is in all parties' interest to facilitate the transfer of operatorship in as short a time as is reasonably practicable. To this end, working with our future colleagues in BHP Northop, we have started the process of identifying and addressing the various transition action items required to allow the transfer to take place as early as possible in January 2014.

Our current intention is for the Successor Operator to assume operatorship of the assets on 6th January 2014, subject to the successful transfer of all the relevant applications, permits, consents, etc.

In order to facilitate as smooth a transition as possible, in the short term we propose to minimise changes to the existing BHP Billiton operating structures and HSE management systems. In the longer term, we will be reviewing existing arrangements and, where necessary, updating them to bring them in line with our policies and procedures.

We would welcome an early opportunity to meet with the appropriate individuals within your organisation in order to share with you in more detail our plans over the next few months, including with respects to the transfer of operatorship and hear your thoughts on whether there are any ways in which you think we could make the process of transferring relevant permits and consents more efficient. We would appreciate being advised of the dates and locations when you are able to meet.

Yours faithfully

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