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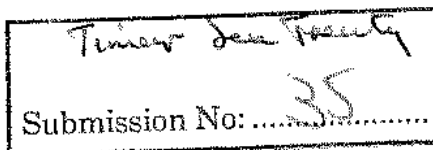
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Attn: Ms Shelley McInnis

Dear Ms McInnis

TIMOR SEA TREATY ACTIONS

We refer to your letter of 3rd July 2002 in respect of the two Timor Sea treaty actions tabled in Parliament.

Multiplex Constructions is actively engaged in the development of a number of gas processing projects proposed for Darwin on the basis of supply of Timor Sea gas. We are also negotiating various offshore construction contracts related to these Timor Sea gas projects. All of these activities are predicated on development of the Bayu-Darwin and Sunrise-Darwin gas pipelines. These pipeline projects will only proceed upon ratification of the Timor Sea Treaty.

Multiplex Constructions is strongly supportive of the actions being taken by Phillips Petroleum Company in respect of development of the Timor Sea gasfields for supply of gas into Darwin. Ratification of the Treaty is clearly in the national interest and will lead to substantial development and employment opportunities in northern Australia. As a major Australian company, Multiplex Constructions strongly supports earliest possible ratification of the Timor Sea Treaty.

Yours sincerely
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