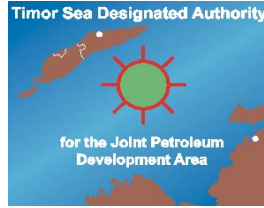

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Sub-Section 5.1(c) – Petroleum Mining Code – Reasons for grant of a Production Sharing Contract without Invitation

The Timor Sea Designated Authority (“TSDA”) recommended to the Joint Commission that the application by Minza Oil & Gas Limited (“Minza”) for JPDA 06-101 did not present a Work Programme for a comprehensive exploration of the original JPDA 06-101 Contract Area. However, the TSDA recommended that Minza be offered a revised Production Sharing Contract (“PSC”) over the Chuditch Field and nearby structures, being essentially the northern half of the original JPDA 06-101 as illustrated in the map below. This revised PSC area covers the area in which Minza were prepared to offer a Work Programme.

An award in this manner is consistent with sub-Section 5.1 (b) of the *Petroleum Mining Code*. The requirement under this sub-Section is that an award of a contract must be in the public interest.

On 16 August 2006, the Joint Commission approved the award of PSC 06-101(A) to Minza without inviting applications for the following reasons deemed to be in the public interest:

1. That the revised JPDA 06-101(A) area be explored rather than left vacant.
2. The revised JPDA 06-101(A) area contains significant and under explored hydrocarbon exploration potential.
3. The Chuditch Gas Field, combined with similar structures, has the potential, considering modern exploration and production techniques, to host economic gas reserves.
4. The Work Programme presented by Minza will acquire significant new seismic and borehole data within the JPDA.
5. The overall Work Programme presented by Minza represents a technically sound route to re-assess the viability of the Chuditch Gas Field to the benefit of Timor-Leste and Australia.

Accordingly, on 1 September 2006 the TSDA awarded Production Sharing Contract JPDA 06-101(A) to Minza Oil & Gas Limited.

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REVISED JPDA 06-101(A) CONTRACT AREA

