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Uttalelse:

We refer to the letter from the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy dated 15.01.2018 where you are inviting the industry to give comments to the hearing document on the proposed extension of the APA area. Please find TOTAL E&P NORGE AS' comments to the proposal below.

The award in pre-defined areas (APA) is an important part of the licensing policy in Norway where mature parts of the continental shelf are made available in the North Sea, Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea.

The Ministry's proposal for an extension of the APA 2018 includes both the Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea. Area access is important for maintaining a high level of activity in the Norwegian Sea and Barents Sea in order to find out which resources are or may become commercially interesting. Increased knowledge about the resource situation in the Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea will be important for the development of the oil and gas infrastructure. In the past, the APA awards have given the oil industry areas which has led to discoveries and great values for society.

History has shown that the APA areas are being utilized in a good way by the companies through new exploration campaigns and innovations as well as the evaluation of existing data in order to develop remaining exploration potential. This has been the source of several major exploration successes in Norway in the last decade.

Norway's oil production has been halved since the year 2000 and the industry needs new acreage to maintain activity levels and ensure future production.

Yours faithfully,

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