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We refer to your letter of 20th January regarding potential expansion of the areas included in the process for Awards in Pre-defined Areas.

The results of exploration drilling since the establishment of the annual APA process have demonstrated the importance of this regular access to opportunities in mature areas of the NCS. Significant value has been created for Norway. It is important for the industry to have a predictable and transparent process of acreage access.

Explora Petroleum fully supports the process of annually reviewing the areas to be included in the APA process, and we are positive to the specific proposals to include the blocks mentioned in your letter of 20th January in the APA process for 2015.

Yours sincerely
for Explora Petroleum AS

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Rae Pickard".

John Rae Pickard
Chief Executive Officer