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Dear Sir/Madam

Mereenie gas joint marketing application for authorisation AA1000564 – determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by Central Petroleum Limited, Central Petroleum Mereenie Pty Ltd (as trustee for the Central Petroleum Unit Trust) and Macquarie Mereenie Pty Ltd (the **Applicants**) on 29 July 2021.

For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to authorise participants in the Mereenie gas joint venture to:

- until 28 February 2027, jointly market gas from the Mereenie gas field in the NT,
- until 28 February 2027, make gas supply agreements (GSAs) with customers for the supply of Mereenie gas that contain common terms and conditions (including as to price) and that expire on or before 28 February 2032, and
- until 28 February 2032, give effect to any such GSAs (entered into during the period until 28 February 2027).

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached and also available on the <u>ACCC's</u> authorisation public register.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 17 February 2021. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 18 February 2022.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Cicchini on (03) 9910 9552 or Robert Janissen on (02) 6243 1387.

Yours sincerely,

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