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Dear Officers and Members,

**Seaward Production Innovate Licence Between the Department of Infrastructure ("the Department") and Crogga Limited ("Crogga") dated 5 October 2018, as amended pursuant to a variation dated 21 December 2021 and a variation dated 28 April 2022 ("the Licence")**

Thank you for your letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024. I respond as follows:

Paragraph 3

The Licence was entered into on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018, which predates the Tynwald sitting of the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (**July 2022 Tynwald**).

Paragraph 4

The requested variation still requires a 3D seismic survey to be undertaken, as per all outstanding phase B work; the proposal is that Crogga would run phase B and C concurrently.

Paragraph 5

I am of the view that the request for a variation from Crogga is not a new licence being issued.

Paragraph 6

I note the reference to the English case of *Ginns v Tabor*, (1995) WL 1082518 and it is my understanding that this does not apply. A variation to the existing Licence has been requested rather than an entirely separate contract/licence.

Paragraphs 7 and 8

As reiterated above, the Licence predates the July 2022 sitting of Tynwald; the request is for a variation of the Licence not a new licence.

I trust that these responses answer your queries.

Yours sincerely,

**Hon. T Crookall-MHK  
Minister for Infrastructure**