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Attention: **Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion**
Head, Disclosure Department

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Attention: **Hon. Justina F. Callangan**
Director, Corporation & Finance Department

Subject: Annual Verification of the Department of Energy

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Section 17.15 of the PSE Revised Disclosures Rules, we are submitting herewith a Certification from the Department of Energy dated 6 January 2017 that Trans-Asia Petroleum's petroleum Service Contracts are valid and subsisting and that Trans-Asia Petroleum has no pending violations with the DOE in connection with its Service Contracts.

Very truly yours,


Raymundo A. Reyes, Jr.
EVP/COO

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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Trans-Asia Petroleum Corporation (TAPET), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, is a co-Contractor of the following valid and subsisting petroleum Service Contracts:

<u>Service Contract</u>	<u>Participating Interest</u>
SC 6 Block A	7.78%
SC 6 Block B	14.063%
SC 51	6.67%
SC 55	6.82%
(through Palawan55 Exploration & Production Corporation, a subsidiary of TAPET)	
SC 69	50.00%

We further certify that TAPET has no pending violations with the Department of Energy (DOE) in connection with the above-mentioned SCs.

This certification is issued to TAPET for whatever legal purpose it may serve.

Issued on 6 Jan. 2017, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila.

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Assistant Director
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