

19<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

Mr Michael Crothers,  
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52 Lower Leeson Street,  
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Ref: D/12/13013

**Re: Shell E&P Ireland Limited Letter 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 (Your ref: COR-01-SH-GE-1815)**

Dear Michael,


Following the publication of the Decision Paper on the High Level Design of the Petroleum Safety Framework (CER/12062), the CER is currently in the process of finalising the detailed plan for the full implementation of the Petroleum Safety Framework (the 'Detailed Plan').

This Detailed Plan will set out:

- when the CER expects to publish consultations and decisions on the various regulatory documents that will comprise the Framework (such as the Safety Case Guidelines), and
- how the transition to the Petroleum Safety Framework will be managed and the timelines for that transition.

The CER are targeting to publish the Detailed Plan on our website in September 2012. Only when this process is completed, will the CER be able to confirm when we will be in a position to take receipt of petroleum undertakings safety cases for assessment.

Yours sincerely,

  
Garrett Blaney,  
Commissioner.