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The Environment Manager,
Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited,
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED SOKU GAS PLANT TO SAN BARTH MANIFOLD PIPELINE PROJECT, BAYELSA AND RIVERS STATES

Please refer to your request for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) permit for the above project, and the Ministry's letter Ref: FMEnv/EA/EIA/123.1536/Vol.I/119 dated 25th May, 2012.

2. Following the successful conclusion of the evaluation of the project's EIA, I am directed to convey the Ministry's **EIA Approval** for the project subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Approval given covers the (i) laying of 12" x 22.4 km pipeline from the Soku Gas Plant to New San Barth Manifold (ii) laying of two 10" x 4.5 km pipelines from Soku Flow Station to Soku Gas Plant.
- b) There shall be regular consultation with stakeholders and relevant regulatory authorities throughout the project's life cycle.
- c) A Stand-alone Environmental Management Plan for an improved method of pipeline laying, other than the proposed method of trenching three (3) metres below ground level, shall be forwarded for approval by the Federal Ministry of Environment.
- d) There shall be full implementation of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the project.

- e) The Federal Ministry of Environment (FMEnv) in collaboration with other relevant regulatory authorities shall carry out EIA Impact Mitigation Monitoring (IMM) on the projects. This shall be facilitated by Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited.
- f) There shall be Environmental Audits, Post Impact Assessments and Compliance Monitoring on the project to be approved by the Federal Ministry of Environment, (FMEnv), which shall be facilitated, by Shell Petroleum Development Company, of Nigeria Limited.
- g) There shall be full implementation of an Environmental Management Systems (EMS) for the project throughout the projects' lifespan.

3.0 The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Certificate shall be issued for the projects in due course.

4.0 Congratulations.



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for: Honourable Minister