

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Director of Energy

**THROUGH:** Assistant Director Minerals & Energy Titles  
Petroleum Operations Team Leader

**FROM:** Senior Petroleum Operations Officer

**DATE:** 13 March 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Approval to Suspend Montara H4 and perform Stage 2 suspensions on Montara GI ST-1 and Montara H1 ST-1 in AC/L7**

**FILE No:** WH2008/0060, WH2009/0006, WH2009/0005, C09.031.dm

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**Title:** AC/L7                      **Company:** PTTEP Australia (Ashmore Cartier) Pty Ltd.

**Request/Issue:** PTTEP has applied for approval to conduct the final suspension phase of its Montara development wells H4, GI ST-1 and H1 ST-1 in AC/L7.

**Legislation:** Regulation 17(1) (d) of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Well Operations) Regulations 2004*.

**Time frame:** The application to suspend was submitted on 12 March 2009. Suspension operations are scheduled to commence some time over the weekend and so approval is required by day's end.

**Stakeholder issues:** None to report.

**Departmental issues:** None to report.

**Assessment:** PTTEP's application has been assessed and is found to satisfy the applicable legislative requirements.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that you approve the final suspension phase of the Montara development wells by signing the attached correspondence.



Action officer:

Dominic Marozzi

13 March 2009

SIGNED/NOT SIGNED



Jerry Whitfield  
**Director of Energy**

13 March 2009