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27 March 2008

Department of Primary Industries
Port Stephens Fisheries Centre
Taylors Beach Road
Taylors Beach NSW 2316

Attention: Scott Carter

Dear Scott,

PROJECT APPLICATION 05_0174 – WALLIS LAKE OYSTER LEASE DREDGING

We refer to the above application and to our meeting of 26 March 2008. At this meeting a paper was presented by Orogen and agreed by the Department of Primary industries as being the basis for the discussions of issues at the meeting (**Attachment 1**). This letter provides a summary of the outcomes of the meeting with a view to reaching agreement on the DPI's conditions for the project to be forwarded to the Department of Planning.

In summary, it is our understanding that the following constitutes the agreed outcomes of the meeting:

1. Bond of \$34,200.00 is retained;
2. Proposal for transplanting of seagrass is removed from the project;
3. Several areas around the perimeter of the lease that will form the batter slopes of the dredge envelope will not be subject to floating cultivation, allowing for seagrass regeneration. These areas are indicated on a map in **Attachment 2** and comprise an area of 3657 m². The map also shows the area of the lease that will be dredged to a depth of 1.5 m below mean low water (7743 m²). The two areas total 1.14 ha, which is equivalent to the area of seagrass that will be removed by the dredge operation. Agreement of the 1.5 m dredge depth is subject to DPI doing a field assessment (we request that we are present during the field assessment) of the depths seagrass is occupying in the area;
4. The requirement for floating basket infrastructure is removed; and
5. Return of the bond will be dependant on the results of a regular monitoring report of seagrass growth, which will form part of a DPI-approved Seagrass Rehabilitation and Management Strategy.

As indicated above, would you please arrange for the DPI field officer to contact the undersigned to arrange a suitable time for the seagrass inspection.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

Orogen Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meleo', with a stylized, cursive script.

DR JUSTIN MELEO
Project Director

Attachment 1 – Discussion paper for meeting of 26.03.08

Attachment 2 – Dredge map