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In Reply Refer To: MS 5231

February 7, 2005

Ms. Sylvia Bellone
Shell Offshore Inc.
One Shell Square
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Dear Ms. Bellone:

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No. R-04107
Type Revised Exploration Plan
Received December 27, 2004
Lease(s) OCS-G 16698, Block 155, Green Canyon Area

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of January 19, 2005, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.203(i)(1).

This approval includes the revised anchor pattern for Subsea Well A-1.

Our review indicates that there are pipelines in the vicinity of Subsea Well A-1 that may pose a hazard due to anchoring activities associated with your proposed operations. If any of these activities will take place within 150-meters (490-feet) of the potential hazards, take precautions in accordance with Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 98-20, Section IV.B, prior to performing operations.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Elmo Cooper at (504) 731-7810.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Howard
Regional Supervisor
Field Operations

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