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Your Excellency,

In March 2006 the Royal Netherlands Embassy requested, on you behalf, the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) to review the Environmental Impact Statement and the Social Impact Study for the Chinguetti Offshore Oil Development Project.

With pleasure, I herewith present the advisory review. In the elaboration of the final review we have taken into consideration observations and comments of your Government, of Woodside and of other organisations on the draft version of the advice (dated September 5th, 2006).

The NCEA trusts that the observations and recommendations will be useful for the Government of Mauritania in further decision-making such as the approval of the EMP and the SIMP for the Chinguetti Development Project as well as for future offshore development projects.

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working group