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Dear Mr Barber,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st March 2008 addressed to Tony Hayward – I would like to reply on his behalf.

The existing Tangguh Independent Advisory Panel (TIAP) continues until May 2009. TIAP will visit in December 2008 and report back to stakeholders in April 2009 - in a similar manner to previous years.

The Lenders (ADB/JBIC) have also established a Lenders Panel and this is staffed by independent experts that review environmental & resettlement issues as well as indigenous people and integrated social programme progress. The group of independent experts visit regularly and publish their reports (and BP's responses) on the ADB website. However BP believes additional ongoing independent monitoring could be useful for the sustained success of the project.

In reviewing this over recent months BP has therefore decided to commission a new Tangguh Independent Advisory Panel to undertake this additional monitoring role and build on the excellent work of the existing TIAP. Details will be confirmed before the start of the new Panel in mid 2009.

I hope this addresses your concerns and would be grateful if you could copy this to the signatories of your letter.

I look forward to seeing you again at the TIAP session in London on April 22nd. Their most recent report – and BP's response is now available at www.bp.com/indonesia. That meeting will provide the ideal opportunity to discuss some of the other issues that you mention.

Yours sincerely,



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