

# Ruling

## Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

<b>Company Name</b>	OMV New Zealand Limited
<b>Date of Request</b>	22 September 2016
<b>Title of Request</b>	Flowline Maintenance Works
<b>Reference for Request</b>	EEZ500020-R
<b>Existing structure or submarine pipeline</b>	Maari Well Head Platform and Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility Raroa
<b>Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege</b>	PMP 38160

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) hereby provides a ruling to the effect that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of the following activities, identified in the request EEZ500020, are likely to be minor or less than minor:

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The placement and removal of the following structures under ss 20(2)(a), 20(2)(g), 20(4)(a), 162(3)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The placement and removal of a construction skid associated with the maintenance of flowlines connecting the FPSO Raroa and the Maari Wellhead Platform, where:

- a. The placement and removal will be visually monitored using ROVs
- b. The footprint of the construction skid will be no greater than 5m x 20m
- 1 c. The dry weight of the construction skid will be no greater than 10,000 kg
- d. The construction skid will be placed within 10m of the existing channels created by the flowlines
- e. No harmful substances will be released into the marine environment from the construction skid
- f. The placement and removal is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment
- g. The placement and removal is performed no more than five times per flowline, or 10 times in total, prior to the expiration of PMP38160 on 1 December 2027

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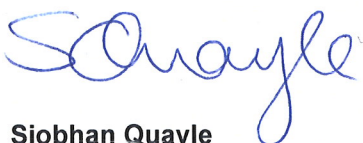
The placement and removal of the following submarine pipelines under ss 20(2)(b), 20(2)(g), 162(3)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The removal and placement of submarine production flowlines connecting the FPSO Raroa and the Maari Wellhead Platform where:

- a. The removal and placement will be visually monitored using ROVs
- 2 b. The flowlines will be placed in the same location as the existing flowlines
- c. No harmful substances will be released into the marine environment as a result of disconnecting and reconnecting the flowlines
- d. The placement and removal is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment
- e. The removal and placement is performed no more than five times per flowline, or 10 times in total, prior to the expiration of PMP 38160 on 1 December 2027

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Provided Under Delegated Authority:



**Siobhan Quayle**

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Environmental Protection Authority**

Date: 9 November 2016