



Ruling

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

Company Name	Shell Oil Services Limited
Date of Request	27 February 2015
Title of Request	Maui A ROV and J tube sampling
Reference for Request	EEZ0117STO-R
Existing structure or submarine pipeline	Māui A platform
Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege	PML 381012, PEP 381203

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 EEZ0117STO, are likely to be minor or less than minor:

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1. The placement and removal of the following structures under ss 20(2)(a) and 20(4)(a) and s 162(3)(a) of the EEZ Act:

The placement and removal of Remotely Operated Vehicles and associated tool basket during J-Tube sampling, where:

- a. All operations will be undertaken in accordance with the "MPA J-Tube Fluid Sampling Procedure, Document ID 10036355, Rev 2.1"

- b. The activities take place within the existing Māui field exclusion zones
 - c. The footprint of each of the structures is less than 6m²
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2. The disturbance of the seabed or subsoil in a manner that is likely to have an adverse effect on marine species or their habitat under ss 20(2)(e) and 20(2)(g) and s 162(3)(a) of the EEZ Act:

The disturbance of the seabed or subsoil during the placement and removal of Remotely Operated Vehicles and associated tool basket during J-Tube sampling, where:

- a. All operations will be undertaken in accordance with "MPA J-Tube Fluid Sampling Procedure, Document ID 10036355, Rev 2.1"
 - b. The activities take place within the existing Māui field exclusion zones
 - c. The footprint of each of the structures is less than 6m²
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Provided Under Delegated Authority:



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Date: 16 March 2015