



# Ruling

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

<b>Company Name</b>	Shell Todd Oil Services Limited
<b>Date of Request</b>	1 December 2014
<b>Title of Request</b>	Well interventions at Maui A and B
<b>Reference for Request</b>	EEZ0114STOS-R
<b>Existing structure or submarine pipeline</b>	Maui A and B Well Head Platforms
<b>Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege</b>	PML 381012

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 EEZ0114STO, 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) and 20(4)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The placement and removal of pressure control and associated equipment for Maui field well intervention activities, including slickline, wireline and coil tubing, where:

- i. all operations will be undertaken in accordance with STOS's operating procedures;
  - ii. the working load limit of the crane and associated lifting accessories is certified and will not be exceeded; and
  - iii. the program of works is independently certified, as required, and accepted by WorkSafe New Zealand, as required, under the Health and Safety in Employment (Petroleum Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 2013.
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The alteration of the following structures under ss 20(2)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The alteration of the sub-seabed production structures, including the perforation of sub-seabed production casing using perforating guns, where:

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- i. all operations will be undertaken in accordance with STOS's operating procedures;
  - ii. the program of works is independently certified, as required, and accepted by WorkSafe New Zealand, as required, under the Health and Safety in Employment (Petroleum Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 2013; and
  - iii. the operations do not result in the deposition of anything or organism onto the seabed.
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Provided Under Delegated Authority:



Sarah Gardner

**General Manager, Applications & Assessment**

**Environmental Protection Authority**

Date: 2 December 2014

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