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Dear Colin

**ALKIMOS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE B (ASSESSMENT 1529)
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 755 (12 NOVEMBER 2007)**

I refer to Ministerial Statement 755 (12 November 2007) relating to Assessment 1529 for the Alkimos Wastewater Treatment Plant at Site B.

Condition 8 of that Statement requires that:

- *“Prior to commencement of installation of the pipeline, the proponent shall prepare and submit an Ocean Outlet Pipeline Construction Management Plan (the Plan) that meets the objectives set out in Condition 8-2 that meets the requirements of Condition 8-3 as determined by the Minister for the Environment.”*

Condition 9 of that Statement requires that:

- *“Prior to commencement of construction of the Alkimos ocean outlet in the marine environment, the proponent shall prepare and submit a Seabed and Benthic Habitat Monitoring and Management Plan (the Plan) that meets the objectives of Condition 9-2 and the requirements of 9-3 as determined by the Minister for the Environment.”*

Given that many of the background management and monitoring actions required to be undertaken are common to both plans, the Alkimos alliance has combined the requirements into one management plan. Accordingly, please find attached the *Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline (MPCOOP)*, incorporating the requirements of both Conditions 8 and 9 in discharge of those requirements. The Water Corporation commends the MPCOOP to you in compliance with Conditions 8 and 9, and looks forward to your confirmation that the plan meets the objectives of Conditions 8-2 and 9-2 and the requirements of Conditions 8-3 and 9-3, to enable commencement of construction and installation of the ocean outlet.



The Alkimos Alliance has mobilized the heavy marine equipment (ocean going barges, dredges and tugs) necessary to undertake this project from Holland, and will be in a position to commence works on site mid October 2008. Any delays in the Alliance's ability to commence works at this time will result in significant logistical and financial impost.

Consequently, to assist in expediting the Audit branch's assessment of clearance of the conditions, the Alkimos Alliance commissioned two independent reviews of the MCOOP. The reviewers were Dr Ian LeProvost of LEPROVOST Environmental Pty Ltd, and Associate Professor Dr. Eric Paling of the Marine and Freshwater Research Laboratory, Environmental Sciences at Murdoch University. Their review reports are attached for your perusal.

Any matters raised by the peer reviewers have been addressed by the Alliance. The amendments made are tabulated in the attached document: *Summary of Revisions of the Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline* after completion of peer reviews.

I understand that the DEC has a heavy workload, but in the interests of facilitating commencement of this urgently required State strategic asset which is needed to facilitate urban development the peer reviews have been provided and I respectfully request you elevate the deliberations and clearance of the Management Plans to the highest priority. Further, expeditious approval will avoid significant holding costs.

Should you require further documentation or require any further clarification regarding these matters in formulating your advice to us, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Baker directly on 9420 2114 or at andrew.baker@watercorporation.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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Encl.

- 2 x documents: *Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline*
- 1 x CD: *Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline*
- 2 x documents: *Peer Review of the Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline* undertaken by Dr Eric Paling
- 2 x documents: *Peer Review of the Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline* undertaken by Dr Ian LeProvost
- 2 x documents: *Summary of Revisions of the Management Plan for Construction and Ongoing Presence of the Ocean Outlet Pipeline* after completion of peer reviews