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NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 18 OF THE PETROLEUM (EXPLORATION AND  
PRODUCTION) ACT, CAP 65:04

The President as the Minister under the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, Cap. 65:04 (the Act) in accordance with section 18(1) of the Act hereby gives notice to licensees Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited, CNOOC Nexen Petroleum Guyana Limited and Hess Guyana Exploration Limited on the following matters-

1. The Government of the Republic Guyana entered into a Petroleum Agreement with Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited, CNOOC Nexen Petroleum Guyana Limited and Hess Guyana Exploration Limited on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, Deed No. 1794/2016;
2. Article 6.1 of the Petroleum Agreement states that the Minister may, subject to the provisions of the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, Cap. 65:04 or any other law, delegate any person or any legal entity to exercise any of the functions under the Agreement and anything done by the delegate in pursuance of the delegation shall have the same validity and effect as it would have been done by the Minister;
3. The Petroleum Production Licence dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Deed No. 971/2017, in relation to measurement of petroleum, in paragraph (j)(ii) states that the Minister maintains the right to attend the measurements or to have a representative attend on his behalf;
4. Additionally, the Petroleum Production Licence in paragraph (j)(iii) states that the Minister maintains the right to be present, either in person, or through a representative(s) when an equipment or appliance for measuring or weighing crude oil or gas is being calibrated, re-calibrated, tested, compared, measured or weighed against a standard in accordance with good oilfield practices and as approved in writing by the Minister;
5. Pursuant to section 70 (2) (l) of the Act, the Minister may make regulations providing for the methods to be used for the measurement of petroleum, water and other substances from a well;
6. Accordingly, regulation 12 (3) of the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Regulations, No. 5 of 1986 gives the Minister the authority to direct that any weighing or

measuring appliance shall be tested or examined in such manner, upon such occasions or at any intervals and by such means as may be specified in the direction;

- 7. Therefore, pursuant to article 6 of the Petroleum Agreement, the GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, a body corporate established under section 3 of the Guyana National Bureau of Standards Act, Cap 90:16, is delegated to perform the functions of the Minister as set out under regulation 12 of the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Regulations, No. 5 of 1986 and to be a representative of the Minister under paragraph (j) of the Petroleum Production Licence.

Made this day 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020



His Excellency David Granger  
President