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Dear Mr Sta. Maria

MYANMAR FOREIGN INVESTMENT TRACKING PROJECT

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2015 to myself and our Communications Manager, Michelle Grady.

Woodside notes your request for information in relation to our investments in Myanmar. It is therefore important for you to be aware not only that Woodside complies with Australian legislation enacted to uphold human rights treaties and declarations (such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), but also that consideration of human rights matters are fundamental in the way in which Woodside conducts business.

We are pleased to refer you to the various policies which can be found on our company's website at http://www.woodside.com.au/Investors-Media/Corporate-Governance/Pages/Policies-Procedures.aspx. In particular, we draw your attention to Woodside's Code of Conduct, which addresses human rights-related issues, as well as the company's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and Sustainable Communities Policy which further underpin the way in which Woodside conducts business. Our most recent (2013) Sustainable Development Report expressly reiterates our company's values, our respect for and recognition of the basic human rights of all people, and our aim to ensure that Woodside is not complicit in human rights abuses committed by others. We are pleased to **enclose** a hard copy of our Report for your reference.

In line with our values, policies and procedures regarding business conduct and ethics, Woodside has adopted a considered, diligent approach towards doing business in Myanmar. Our company's entry into Myanmar aligns fully with the Australian Government's policy to increase political engagement with Myanmar and normalise bilateral trade and investment relations. We maintain contact with Australian Government representatives (both in Australia and in Myanmar) to keep them briefed of our activities, and to ensure that our approach remains aligned with Australian Government policy. We also consider carefully the organisations and individuals with which we associate in Myanmar, as well as the potential impacts of our business in the country. We familiarise our local business partners with our Woodside values and policies.

A key component of our country entry is undertaking appropriate social and environment assessments (ESIA's) to support our activities. Woodside welcomes new requirements for oil and gas investments in Myanmar to be preceded by comprehensive ESIA requirements and we are liaising with government and non-government stakeholders in relation to these. In addition, Woodside has engaged a specialist consultancy, Ergon and Associates, to undertake a Human Rights Assessment to assist with identification, management and monitoring of potential human rights risks and impacts which may relate to oil and gas exploration activities. Woodside recognises the value of collaboration with local community organisations and we have developed a strong working relationship with the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business, which has provided guidance for oil and gas companies through the Myanmar Oil and Gas Sector Wide Impact Assessment.

As a member of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), we are further encouraged by the interest shown by the Myanmar Government to join EITI. As you will appreciate, compliance with EITI standards and principles will introduce an international standard of transparency into the management of revenue which Myanmar receives from its resources sector, and support the improvement of the lives of its people.

We believe that Woodside can support Myanmar's economic and political transition not only by helping to discover and develop natural resources that can provide revenue to the country and its people, but also through our strong and ongoing commitment to sustainable development and corporate social responsibility.

We confirm that this approach will continue to underpin Woodside's business activities in Myanmar.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosed: 2013 Sustainable Development Report