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NATIONAL OIL SPILL DETECTION AND RESPONSE AGENCY

~~TRANSITION~~

ZONAL OFFICE

No.32 Bodo Street, G.R.A Phase 11,
Port-Harcourt Rivers State.

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9th June, 2009.

The Managing Director
Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) Ltd
Port Harcourt.
Attn: Dr. Philip Shekwolo

**RE: MODALITIES FOR THE CONDUCT OF DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
OF AREAS IMPACTED BY THE BODO SPILL INCIDENTS OF AUGUST AND
DECEMBER, 2008.**

You may recall that as a follow-up to the meeting of 23rd April, 2009 between the Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Agency and SPDC on the above subject, the Agency vide a letter dated 12th May, 2009 with ref. No. NOSDRA/PHZO/17/Vol.7/136 requested you to accelerate your plans for further consultation on the interpretation of section 19(1) g of the NOSDRA Act and inform it soonest so that the above damage assessment could commence.

2. You may recall also that the Agency's legal Adviser vide a letter referenced NOSDRA/A&F/35/Vol.11 and dated 19th May, 2009, provided for you the required clarification on the section 19(1)g of the NOSDRA Act, particularly with respect to the Agency's involvement in oil spill damage assessment.

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3. It is however regrettable that SPDC has not deemed it fit to respond to the various efforts of the Agency in ensuring that the damage assessment exercise is carried out promptly. This impasse has resulted to the impacted sites not being attended to and consequently, the continuous devastation of the environment.

4. In view of the foregoing, the Agency considers as unacceptable the continuous delay in the conduct of the damage assessment. Consequently, I am directed to request you as follows:

- (i) That SPDC should as a matter of urgency draw up a programme for the damage assessment and inform the Zonal office of the Agency accordingly.
- (ii) That the necessary logistic arrangements for the exercise be made by SPDC for the smooth conduct of the exercise.

5. Thank you for your Co-operation


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