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In Reply Refer To: GM 235D

May 18, 2018

Ms. Sylvia Bellone  
Shell Offshore Inc.  
One Shell Square  
P.O. Box 61933  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70161-1933

Dear Ms. Bellone,

Reference is made to the following plan:

Control No.	R-06668
Type	Revised Development Operations Coordination Document
Received	January 23, 2018, amended March 6 and 9, 2018
Lease(s)	OCS-G 17565, Block 857, Alaminos Canyon Area (AC)

The Minerals Management Service Alaminos Canyon Block 857 Unit Agreement Number is 754308001.

You are hereby notified that the approval of the subject plan has been granted as of May 18, 2018, in accordance with 30 CFR 550.270(b)(1).

This approval includes the activities proposed for Subsea Wells GD002 and GD002-Alt.

In accordance with 30 CFR 556.901(d), additional security may be required for your proposed activities. Prior to conducting activities in which you need to obtain approvals and/or permits described in 30 CFR 550.281(a) from the appropriate District Manager or BSEE Regional Supervisor, you must contact BOEM Risk Management Operations Group by email at [boemrmog@boem.gov](mailto:boemrmog@boem.gov) to determine if additional security is required and comply with any demand for this security.

In response to the request accompanying your plan for a hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) classification, the area in which the proposed drilling operations are to be conducted is hereby classified, in accordance with 30 CFR 250.490(c), as "H<sub>2</sub>S absent."

Exercise caution while drilling due to indications of shallow gas, faulting, hydrate, and possible shallow water flow.

You must comply with the following species protective measures in all activities conducted pursuant to the plan:

- BOEM Notice to Lessees and Operators (NTL) No. 2016-G01, "Vessel Strike Avoidance and Injured/Dead Protected Species Reporting" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-No-2016-G01>);
- BOEM NTL No. 2016-G02, "Implementation of Seismic Survey Mitigation Measures and Protected Species Observer Program" (available at <http://www.boem.gov/BOEM-NTL-2016-G02>); and
- BSEE NTL No. 2015-G03, "Marine Trash and Debris Awareness and Elimination" (available at <https://www.bsee.gov/sites/bsee.gov/files/notices-to-lessees-ntl/alerts/ntl-2015-g03.pdf>).

These measures are designed to promote environmental protection, consistent environmental policy, compliance with environmental laws, and safety.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this approval, please contact Michelle Griffitt Evans at (504)736-2975.

Sincerely,

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