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The Chairman,
House of Representatives,
Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream),
National Assembly Complex,
The Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

RE – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY BILL 2009

The attention of the Ministry has been drawn to the newspaper report that the Public Hearing on the Petroleum Industry Bill 2009 will hold from 27th to 29th July, 2009.

2. Having evaluated the Bill, the specific section and clause that is of concern to the Department of Environmental Assessment is Section 149(I) which provides that:

"The functions of the Nigeria Petroleum Research Centre shall be to:

(I) Carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of any projects in the petroleum industry for any person in return for fees at commercial rates".

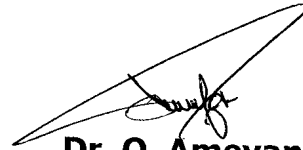
The EIA Act No. 86 of 1992 (and specifically sections 4 to 6) sets out the basic procedures for carrying out an EIA and subsequent approval of EIA reports.

3. In consideration of the aforementioned comments, the Distinguished Honourable Members are kindly requested to consider the amendment of Section 149(I) of the Bill to now read as follows:

"The function of the Nigerian Petroleum Research Centre shall be to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment of any projects in the petroleum industry for any person in return for

fees at commercial rates. Such Environmental Impact Assessments shall be subject to the provisions of the EIA Act No. 86 of 1992.

4. Please accept the assurance of the highest regard of the Honourable Minister.



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for: Honourable Minister.