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Mathew Kavalam Rio Tinto 11 George Wiencke Drive Perth WA 6105

Sent by email to

Dear Mr Kavalam

Exemption Application – West Angelas Gas Lateral (PL 119)

Your application for an exemption under Part 23 of the *National Gas Rules*, as applied in Western Australia, for the West Angelas Gas Lateral (PL 119) has been assessed by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA).

The ERA has decided to grant Category 1 and 2 exemptions (exemption from access requests and negotiations under Division 3, arbitration of access disputes under Division 4, and the obligation to publish information under Division 2) for the West Angelas Gas Lateral (PL 119). The exemptions are valid from 14 March 2022 and expire on 16 November 2023, to align with the expiry of the exemption granted for the West Angelas Gas Lateral (PL 97).

These exemptions may be varied or revoked at any time, in accordance with provisions in the *National Gas Rules (WA).*

As required under Rule 585(8) of the *National Gas Rules (WA)*, please notify the ERA without delay if circumstances change such that the pipeline no longer qualifies for the exemption granted.

The West Angelas Gas Lateral (PL 119) must still comply with all other provisions in the *National Gas Rules (WA)* not covered by this exemption.

The ERA must establish, publish, and maintain a register of exemptions. Your application (public version) will be published on the ERA's <u>website</u>.

Please contact Tyson Self on 08 6557 7900 if you have any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Steve Edwell **Chair**

cc: Ms Tegan Campbell, Specialist Regulatory Compliance, Utilities Operations, Rio Tinto (by email to