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Dear Ian

**SUBMISSION ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON
MPOC CHANGE REQUEST OF 5 OCTOBER 2009**

Vector Limited (**Vector**) welcomes the opportunity to submit on GIC's Draft Recommendation on the MPOC Change Request Application by MDL concerning the establishment of two Notional Welded Points on the Maui pipeline that would function as the trading hub for the wholesale gas market.

Vector supports the GIC's view that the MPOC Change Request is consistent with current arrangements and with the Government's objectives in the Gas Act and the Government Policy Statement on Gas Governance.

In Vector's previous submission on this issue, dated 28 October 2009, we have expressed conditional consent to the MPOC Change Request. The removal of that condition was subject to agreement by Shippers to Vector's proposed changes to the VTC as a consequence of anticipated amendments to the MPOC.

Vector has now received responses from Shippers, which have no objections to the proposed VTC amendments. As a consequence, our consent is no longer conditional, and we therefore support the MPOC Change Request.

Thank you for considering this submission. If you have any queries, or require further information, please feel free to contact me at John.Rampton@vector.co.nz or 04 803 9036.

Kind regards

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