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Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV 612 East Lamar Boulevard Arlington, Texas 76011-4125 Attention: Roberto Torres Via: Email and Federal Express

RE: Your Letter Dated May 17, 2011

Dear Mr. Torres,

I'm writing in response to your letter dated May 17, 2011, which was a response to my letter, dated February 16, 2011. In my letter, I requested an amendment to Schlumberger Technology Corporation (STC) Radioactive Materials License No. 42-00090-03. The amendment request, dated February 16, 2011, was intended to serve two purposes:

- 1. Obtain authorization on STC's license to possess and use radioactive source models that are currently not authorized on the STC license. These source models are used by E&P Wireline LLC (E&P) and Pathfinder Energy Services LLC (Pathfinder) and STC intends to begin offering services using these source models, independent of E&P and Pathfinder. These services, when performed by STC, will be performed within all constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments of Radioactive Materials License No. 42-00090-03 issued to Schlumberger Technology Corporation; and
- 2. To obtain the necessary authorizations for the proposed mergers of E&P and Pathfinder into STC. This involves two mergers that will occur on separate dates.

### Request for Additional Source Models

Independent of the proposed mergers of E&P and Pathfinder into STC, STC intends to begin offering services independently of E&P and Pathfinder using well logging tools and sources identical to those used by E&P and Pathfinder before the merger of either company into STC. These services, when performed by STC, will be performed within all constraints, conditions,

requirements and commitments of Radioactive Materials License No. 42-00090-03 issued to Schlumberger Technology Corporation. Thus, STC is requesting that the source models be added to our license as soon as possible to allow STC to begin offering these services.

### **Summary of Transactions**

Independent of STC performing services using well logging tools and sources identical to those used by E&P and Pathfinder, two mergers are being proposed. These mergers will be used to bring the well logging operations of E&P, Pathfinder and STC into a single company and under one management team. Today, E&P, Pathfinder and STC all perform well logging services. Since all three-companies are owned by Schlumberger-Limited, the proposed transactions are intended to have all Schlumberger well logging services in the U.S. performed by a single company, in this case Schlumberger Technology Corporation.

Schlumberger Technology Corporation is owned by Schlumberger Holdings Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger BV, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger Limited. Both E&P Wireline LLC and Pathfinder Services LLC are owned by Smith International, which is owned by Schlumberger Holdings Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger BV, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger Limited. Thus all three companies have the same parent company.

Two separate transactions are planned and will occur on separate dates as follows:

- E&P Wireline LLC will be merged with Schlumberger Technology Corporation and Schlumberger Technology Corporation will be the remaining legal entity following this merger. Following the merger, Schlumberger Technology Corporation will continue to be owned by Schlumberger Holdings Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger BV, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger Limited. This merger is planned to take place on September 1, 2011.
  - a. A merger of two legal entities involves the combining of all assets, properties, employees, etc. under one of the two legal entities involved in the merger. Following the merger of E&P with STC, STC will own all E&P assets, including E&P sources and STC will be the remaining legal entity with E&P no longer existing. Thus E&P's license will be terminated the day of the merger. E&P Wireline LLC will provide to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") prior to the date of the merger a notice requesting termination of Materials License No. 42-29370-01 on September 1, 2011;
  - b. Attached is Enclosure (1) which provides information relating to the NRC's evaluation of an indirect transfer of control, as provided in Appendix F of NUREG-1556, Vol. 15, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses."; and

- 2. Pathfinder Energy Services LLC will be merged with Schlumberger Technology Corporation and Schlumberger Technology Corporation will be the remaining legal entity following this merger. Following the merger, Schlumberger Technology Corporation will continue to be owned by Schlumberger Holdings Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger BV, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schlumberger Limited. The exact date for this merger has not been set but this merger has been delayed and likely will take place in the second half of 2012.
  - a. Following the merger of Pathfinder with STC, STC will own all Pathfinder assets, including Pathfinder sources and STC will be the remaining legal entity with Pathfinder no longer existing. Thus Pathfinder's license will be terminated the day of the merger; and
  - b. Since the exact date of this merger is not set, information relating to the NRC's evaluation of an indirect transfer of control, as provided in Appendix F of NUREG-1556, Vol. 15, "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses." for this merger will be provided next year at least 90 days in advance of the date set for this merger.

### Financial Assurance

My understanding was that the Stand-by Trust Agreement and the Letter of Credit for the revised financial assurance had been completed and delivered to the NRC Region IV in February 2011. Following the receipt of your letter, I reviewed this and discovered that though both the Stand-by Trust Agreement and the Letter of Credit were completed in February, STC's bank, Societe Generale, sent the documents to NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. New originals of both documents have been prepared and were sent by Federal Express (Tracking # 797201442917) on June 14, 2011 to NRC Region IV. Federal Express shows delivery of these documents on June 15, 2011 and a copy (Enclosure 2) of the Federal Express tracking information has been attached for your use.

In summary, I request that the NRC:

- 1. Issue an amendment to Radioactive Materials License No. 42-00090-03 to add the source models requested in my letter dated February 16, 2011; and
- 2. Review the information in Enclosure (1) on the proposed merger of E&P into STC and provide their consent.

Please contact me at 281-285-8775 or <u>dickes1@slb.com</u> should you require additional information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Raymond Dickes

Cc: Jack Whitten

Enclosure (1): Information Supporting Request for Prior Written Consent to Merger of E&P

Wireline into STC

Enclosure (2): Federal Express Tracking Information

# MERGER OF E&P WIRELINE LLC (Materials License No. 42-29370-01) INTO SCHLUMBERGER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

(Materials License No. 42-00090-03) Information Supporting Request for Consent To Indirect Transfer of Control of a Materials License

This information is submitted consistent with NUREG-1556, Vol. 15, Chapter 5 (November 2000), Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses – Guidance About Changes of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Materials Licenses. The information is submitted with respect to Schlumberger Technology Corporation's ("STC") request for consent to the merger of E&P Wireline LLC into STC..

1. Provide a complete description of the transaction (i.e., transfer of stocks or assets, or merger). Indicate whether the name has changed and include the new name. Include the name and telephone number of a licensee contact who NRC may contact if more information is needed.

### A. Description of the transaction:

E&P Wireline LLC will be merged with Schlumberger Technology Corporation and Schlumberger Technology Corporation will be the remaining legal entity following this merger. Following the merger, Schlumberger Technology Corporation will continue to be owned by Schlumberger Holdings Corporation, which is a whollyowned subsidiary of Schlumberger BV, which is a whollyowned subsidiary of Schlumberger Limited. The date of this merger is September 1, 2011.

The merger will not affect the operations of STC, nor will it affect any of the terms and conditions under which it carries out licensed activities under **Materials License No. 42-00090-03**. None of the individuals with control over licensed activities for STC will change as a result of the merger. E&P Wireline LLC will cease to exist on the day of the merger and thus E&P Wireline LLC's license will be terminated that day. E&P Wireline LLC will provide to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission prior to the date of the merger a notice requesting termination of **Materials License No. 42-29370-01** on September 1, 2011.

The merger does not change the existing financial and technical qualifications of STC, and it does not involve any changes to any existing license requirements.

- B. [X] No name change
  - [] New name of licensed organization:
- C. [X] No change in contact

Enclosure (1)

	[] New contact:					
2.	Include training and experience f	el or duties that relate to the licensed program. or new personnel. having control over licensed activities.				
	[] Changes is personnel havi corporation):	ng control over licensed activities (e.g. officers of a				
	B. [X] No changes in personnel [] Changes in personnel name experience and responsibilities	ed in the license (e.g., RSO, AUs) - include training,				
3.	. Describe, in detail, any changes in the organization, location, facilities, equipment procedures that relate to the licensed program.					
	[] Organization:	[] Equipment:				
	[] Location:	[] Procedures:				
	[] Facility:	[X] Not applicable				
	There will be no changes in the organization, location, facilities, equipment, or procedures that relate to any licensed program of STC. Additional authorized					

procedures that relate to any licensed program of STC. Additional authorized materials were identified in a letter dated February 16, 2011.

- **4.** Describe the status of the surveillance program (i.e., surveys, wipe tests, quality control) at the present time and the expected status at the time that control is to be transferred.
  - A. Description of the status of all surveillance programs:

The surveillance program outlined in the **Materials License No. 42-00090-03** shall remain the same as before the merger. There shall be no change in surveillance activities including calibrations, leak tests, surveys, inventories, and other accountability requirements.

В.	Surveillance Items & Records: calibrations, leak	tests,	surveys,	inventories,	and
acc	ountability requirements will be current at the tin	ne of t	he merge	er.	

[X] Yes [] No (explain)

**5.** Confirm that all records concerning the safe and effective decommissioning of the facility will be transferred to the transferee or to NRC, as appropriate. These records include documentation of surveys of ambient radiation levels and fixed and/or removable contamination, including methods and sensitivity.

Records transferred to:

[] New licensee [] NRC for license termination [X] Not applicable

Records shall remain with Schlumberger Technology Corporation (the remaining legal entity) following the merger.

**6.** Confirm that the transferee will abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments of the transferor or that the transferee will submit a complete description of the proposed licensed program.

or

[ ] Description of proposed licensed program from transferee attached (with signature)

or

[] Not applicable (name change only)

All operation will be performed under Materials License No. 42-00090-03 following the merger. STC's ownership structure will remain unchanged and all constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments of Materials License No. 42-00090-03 issued to Schlumberger Technology Corporation will continue without change.

E&P Wireline LLC will abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments of Schlumberger Technology Corporation.

Clay Bomer President

E&P Wireline LLC

Materials License No. 42-29370-01

Date:

6/15/2001

Michael Skíbicki

Vice President

Schlumberger Technology Corporation

Materials License No. 42-00090-03

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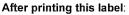
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