



21 October 2009

Companies Announcement Office  
Australian Securities Exchange Limited  
10th Floor, 20 Bond Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

**EPBC ACT APPROVAL FOR PRE-DRILLING SITE SURVEY – PEP11 OFFSHORE SYDNEY BASIN**

MEC Resources (ASX:MMR) is pleased to advise that investee company Advent Energy Ltd (“Advent”) has received approval from the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) for the pre-drilling site survey in the offshore Sydney Basin petroleum exploration permit PEP11.

Advent, through wholly owned subsidiary Asset Energy Pty Ltd, was required to submit a referral to DEWHA for its proposed pre-drilling geophysical site survey under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

DEWHA has advised:

“the proposed action is not a controlled action, provided it is taken in accordance with the manner described in the enclosed decision document. This means that, provided that the action is undertaken in that way, it does not require further assessment and approval under the EPBC Act before it can proceed.”

**About MEC Resources**

ASX listed MEC Resources (ASX: MMR) invests into exploration companies targeting potentially large energy and mineral resources. The Company has been registered by the Australian Federal Government as a Pooled Development Fund enabling most MEC shareholders to receive tax free capital gains on their shares and tax free dividends.

**About Advent Energy**

Advent Energy Ltd is an unlisted oil and gas exploration company. Advent holds a strong portfolio of exploration and near-term production assets throughout Australia. Advent’s cornerstone project lies off the coast of NSW in Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 (PEP11), and has been estimated to comprise up to 16.3 Tcf (P10 or ‘high’ level) prospective recoverable gas resources.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Breeze". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

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**Notes:**

In accordance with ASX listing requirements, the geological information supplied in this report has been based on information provided by geologists who have had in excess of five years experience in their field of activity.