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**Screening Opinion Request for the purposes of the Ryedale Power Generation Project - for gas production at the existing well site at Eberston, the construction of an 11km pipeline and gas processing and compressor plant on land to the south east of Thornton-le-Dale,**

I refer to your written request for a Screening Opinion in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 for the above proposed development received by the County Council on the 12 June 2009.

I have undertaken an assessment of your client's development proposals with regard to requirements of the Regulations.

From this assessment I have determined in this instance on the basis of the information you have provided from your client in respect of the projected level of gas extraction of between 425,000 and 566,000 cubic metres per day at the higher estimated level this would exceed the 500,000 cubic metres per day criteria set down in paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations. In this instance and for the reason identified I am of the opinion that the development proposed falls within Schedule 1.

As you will be aware any development falling within Schedule 1 of the Regulations requires an Environmental Statement and I am confirming that is the conclusion I have reached in respect of your Screening Opinion request and is the formal opinion of the County Planning Authority.

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Yours sincerely

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