

**Republic of Iraq**

**Ministry of Oil**

**Technical Directorate**

**No. 157/2396**

**Date: 17.05.2010**

**To, President of COFE**

**H.E. Dr. Abdul Basit Turki Saeed**

**Sub. Metering and Calibration system**

Dear Sir,

Your letter no.46 dated May 10, 2010

Please note the following observations about the paragraphs 1&2, stated in your above – mentioned letter:

1. We refer to item no. 4 of the ministry's letter no. 7706 on Dec.29, 2009 by which was explained that the updated plan was adopted instead of the plan attached to the ministry's letter no. 7250 on Nov.26, 2009 for the reasons stated in this item, and we would like to refer to what was confirmed by the ministry's representative during the meeting held in BSA Headquarters on March31,2010 with your representatives, we refer also to the table attached to the minutes of this meeting where the figures of the updated plan attached to the letter dated Dec.29, 2009 were adopted to identify the total number of metering devices.
2. We refer to the quarterly status of the follow up of the updated plan attached to the ministry's letter dated April 22, 2010/ relating to North Refineries Company, was explained that the reason of reducing the number of metering devices is due to administrative merging between sites which were belong to Oil Products distribution Company to the sites belong to North refineries Company, we would like to explain that such devices need to be provided when the custody is

transferred from a site belongs to a certain owner to another owner's site, otherwise there is no need for these devices.

With respect

**Dr. Hussain Al Sheherestani**

**Minister of Oil**

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- **BSA audit team in the Ministry**
- **Technical Directorate – Department of Metering and Custody Transfer**