

Republic of Iraq  
Ministry of Oil  
Technical department

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To,  
Head of COFE  
Honorable Dr. Abdul Basit Turki Saeed

Subject/ Metering system

Dear Sir,

Your letter no.2 dated 05.01.2010 referring to our letter no. 7706 dated 29.12.2009, we would like to mention the following remarks on the two items from your above – mentioned letter:

1. The number of the meters and the action plan to provide them stated in the Ministry's letter no. 6807 dated 09.11.2009 are the actually data, as you mentioned in your letter, bearing in mind that the press release and the link to IAMB website were not attached to your letter, as was mentioned in this item.
2. The plans to provide meters include providing the meters in addition to other requirements such as calibration devices, laboratory devices, and training and qualification requirements. Therefore, the follow up procedure during your correspondence period, as you mentioned in item 2 of your letter, depended on the percentage of the achievement of providing the total requirements. As for the updated plan, to be prepared as per the number of the meters is a new procedure adopted upon your request during the meeting with the Ministry's representatives on 03.09.2009. Therefore, to prepare and collect the updated plan on quarterly basis, as BSA audit team requested, during 24 hours is considered new request and procedure that were not adopted before and it needs more time to be prepared and checked.

Please be informed ... with respect

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Minister of Oil