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XAFIISKA MADAXWEYNAHA		OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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To: Ali Mohamed Gedi,
Prime Minister,
Transitional Federal Government of Somalia

I refer to your letter dated 18 May 2006 (which despite being addressed to me as the President of the Government of Puntland was never received) regarding several assertions purported to be made by you in respect of the Transitional Federal Government's view of the contract of work entered into between the Puntland Government, Consort Private Limited and Range Resources Limited. I found your letter quite disturbing on a number of fronts namely:

- I am unsure as to whether your letter is representing the views of the Transitional Federal Government as a representative body or alternatively, the letter is a personal communication by you on your capacity as Prime Minister.
- The issues raised in your letter are directly inconsistent to previous written correspondence and verbal assurances provided by you to the Puntland Government and I am obviously intrigued as to what has actually changed over the last 8 months with respect to your views of the Consort/Range Contract of Works. You were well aware 8 months ago that the Puntland Agreement covered the development of oil and gas wells the subject of previous concessions granted by the former Somali Republic which had expired in accordance with the term of the agreements as verified by legal opinion received by the Puntland Government.

Given the sensitive nature of the contents of the letter and the fact that the letter was publicly available on various websites despite

never being received by my office, I would question your respect for the Puntland Government and its people as the Puntland Government strives for the economic and social development of Puntland and its people

On the assumption that you did authorize the letter addressed to me, your actions have left me with little choice other than to inform you officially that the Puntland Government has decided to withdraw its support for the pretensions role of your office in unifying Somalia whilst you remain in the position of Prime Minister.

Your actions have seriously jeopardized and undermined Puntland's position and the perception and its ability to exploit its natural resources and directly assist with the provision of employment and vital social infrastructure required for our people.

Your Sincerely,

Mahamoud Muse Hersi
President,
Puntland State of Somalia



Cc: Range Resources

Cc: H.E Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed
President
Transitional Federal Government of Somalia

Cc: Sherif Hassan Sh. Adan
The Speaker of the Somali Parliament
Transitional Federal Government of Somalia

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MAY 18, 2006: Warqaddii Cali Maxamed Geedi u diray Cadde Muuse oo ku saabsan sharciga Shidaalka.....: www.somaliatalk.com/terry/may18206.pdf

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The Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic
Office of the Prime Minister

Ref: OPM/456/06

Baidoa, 18th May 2006

Mr. Mohamud Muse Hirsi
President,
Puntland State of Somalia
Garowe, Puntland - Somalia

I refer to the Contract of Work between Puntland State of Somalia and Consort Private Ltd. which was the subject of my earlier correspondences to your offices.

It has come to my attention that the plans of Consort Private Ltd. and Range Resources Limited now extend to the drilling of oil & gas wells on properties which are within the area of concessions granted by the Somali Republic at an earlier time.

The right to conduct activities for the utilization of subsoil natural resources in the Somali Republic is reserved to persons who have been granted rights by the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) as contemplated by the Transitional Federal Charter of the Somalia Republic.

The Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic will be presenting to the Parliament a proposal for a Petroleum Law in the next few months, which will establish a legal regime that will govern petroleum operations in the Somali Republic. It will address the appropriate process of granting rights to conduct petroleum operations, including the handling of the rights held by concessionaires under concessions granted by the Somali Republic at an earlier time.

Until this law is passed and the rights of existing concessionaires properly addressed, I must insist that Puntland State and persons holding rights under the Contract of Work restrict their activities to matters that are within the granting jurisdiction of the Puntland State. This clearly does NOT include the conduct of petroleum operations within Puntland State and else where in Somalia, and particularly in an area under existing concessions.

Only qualified companies/persons holding rights from the Transitional Federal Government are entitled to do so. Once the appropriate legal regime is in place, we would welcome an application by Consort Private Ltd. and Range Resources Limited as well as other interested partners to conduct petroleum operations in Somalia in accordance with applicable law.

Best regards,


Ali Mohamed Gedi
Prime Minister



Cc: Ministry of Petroleum
Transitional Federal Government
Baidoa - Somalia

Consort Private Ltd.

Range Resources Limited

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NOVEMBER 2, 2005: Cali Maxamed Geedi warqad uu u diray Puntland oo uu ku muujinayey taageerada Heshiiska shidaalka: www.somaliatalk.com/terry/warq11205.pdf

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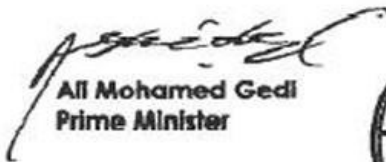
Jowhar, 2nd November 2005

**Puntland State of Somalia
Garowe, Puntland - Somalia
Attn: Hassan Dahir Mohamud, Vice President**

This is to confirm that the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia has concluded with Puntland Administration an amendment of contract of work in Jowhar on the 8th October 2005. The amended contract of work was an agreement between Puntland State of Somalia and Consort Private Limited which was permitted to survey the whole area of Puntland for what concerns about all subsoil resources as per the amended terms.

However, it is definitely important to state that the TFG of the Republic of Somalia has trust and full confidence with the Puntland State of Somalia and therefore supports its effort toward enhancing the national economy by materializing the exploration, exploitation and marketing of the country's sub-soil natural resources in close collaboration with its partners (Consort Private Limited & Range Resources Limited) in this business.

Hoping a successful endeavor for all parties, I assure you my highest consideration.


**Ali Mohamed Gedi
Prime Minister**



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OCTOBER 6, 2005: Warqad uu Cali Maxamed Geedi kag asoo hor jeedey heshiiska shidaalka Puntland: www.somaliatalk.com/terry/warq10605.pdf

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Jowhar, 6th October 2005

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**Range Resources Limited (ASX: RRS) – Exclusive Rights
to All Minerals in Puntland**

It has come to the attention of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia that a company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, **Range Resources Limited** (ASX: RRS) has announced the entry into a conditional Heads of Agreement to acquire a 50.1% interest in the sole and exclusive rights to all minerals and hydrocarbon exploration and development in the Somali State of Puntland. This is in connection with the Consort Private Limited ("**Consort**") which has entered into a Contract of Work with the Puntland State of Somalia ("**Puntland Agreement**"). Consort Company obtained draft exclusive rights to all minerals in Puntland signed by the Puntland State President Mr. Mohamud Muse Hirsi. This contract is still under revision by the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia in close collaboration with Puntland authorities.

Under the Transitional Federal Charter of Somalia which was voted and consented by the Delegates of the Somali National Reconciliation Conference concluded in Kenya on September 15th 2003, it states that the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia has the control of overall our country's natural resources including all minerals rights, oil and gas as well as marine resources etc. and that no State or Province of Somalia can enter into any agreement with any party concerning these rights (see the below articles of the Charter):

- ✦ Article 44, paragraph 4 (a): "The President of the Republic of Somalia has the authority to sign International Treaties on the proposal of the Council of Ministers and upon ratification by the Parliament".
- ✦ Article 67, paragraph 1: Natural resources and environmental protection, "The natural resources of the country such as the minerals, water, flora and fauna shall be public property and a law shall be enacted which defines the manner of exploitation for the common good". See also "The power of the Transitional Federal Government, Schedule 1: paragraphs 1 (Foreign Affairs) & 9 (Natural resources)".
- ✦ Article 69, Paragraph 2: International and bilateral relations – "The TFG of the Somali Republic shall uphold all bilateral agreements concluded by the Somali Republic".
- ✦ Article 71: Transitional period - Paragraph 9: The Present Charter shall be the basis for the federal constitution whose draft shall be completed within 2 1/2 (two and half) years and be adopted by a popular referendum during the final year of the transitional period.

However, I have informed the Puntland authority its obligation under our Transitional Federal Charter and alerted them not to enter into any agreement with any party in relation to the national natural resources.

We understand that this event, if not stopped on time, will have an impact on Ranges Resources Limited and the market of the Australian Stock Exchange and we ask you as a matter of urgency to inform your market of this development.

My office will be available to assist you with any investigation you wish to make, concerning the details of this letter.

Additionally, I would also like to advise your company that I am planning to visit your country in the first week of November 2005, to discuss the future development of our country with Australian Federal Government and I would be more than happy to make time to meet with your organization.

Yours Sincerely,


Ali Mohamed Geedi
The Prime Minister



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