

The Company Announcement Officer ASX Ltd
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AUSINDUSTRY DECISION ON FY18 R&D INTERNAL REVIEW

Strike Energy Limited (**Strike** or The **Company** – ASX:STX) advises the outcome of Innovation and Science Australia's (**ISA**) internal review of its FY18 Research and Development (R&D) pre-registration finding under section 30D of the Industry Research and Development Act (IRDA) 1986.

ISA has advised that the internal review has confirmed its original decision to deny the FY18 R&D pre-registration and withhold the payment of R&D tax credits.

For clarity the Company has not received any tax refund of any amount for the FY18 claim period and is not required to repay any monies as a result of the FY18 R&D review.

The Company has until 17 June 2019 to appeal the decision via the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. In the meantime, the Board will review its options on its decision to appeal and will advise the market accordingly.

Strike Managing Director, Mr Stuart Nicholls, said;

“The Company is extremely disappointed with the ISA’s decision despite the ground-breaking research and development that has been conducted at the Jaws project. The Government must support companies who are attempting to innovate the nation’s way through the burgeoning East Coast energy crisis and this decision to withhold R&D credits from Strike is counter to the rhetoric of the Government with relation to trying to find a solution for the rising cost of energy.

Strike is confident in its eligibility of the R&D activities of the Jaws project and that the data generated will lead to valuable research outcomes for the industry as a whole”.

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