

April 5, 2021

Neal D. Shah  
Chief Financial Officer  
Kosmos Energy Ltd.  
8176 Park Lane  
Dallas, Texas 75231

Re: Kosmos Energy Ltd.  
Form 10-K for the  
Filed February 23,  
File No. 001-35167

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2020  
2021

Dear Mr. Shah:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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1. We note your disclosures under this heading and in Note 3 to your financial statements describing your agreement with Royal Dutch Shell to farm down interests in certain exploration assets in exchange for cash consideration of \$96 million and future contingent consideration of up to \$100 million.

You state that the contingent consideration will be "based on the outcome of the first four wells drilled in the purchased assets" and will be payable upon submission of an appraisal plan to the relevant governmental authority under the relevant host government contract. However, you also state that "Shell will pay \$50 million for each appraisal plan submitted, capped in the aggregate at a maximum of \$100 million."

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Please revise your disclosure to clarify whether the incremental amounts would be variable and correlated with drilling results or other criteria, as suggested by the first sentence of the disclosure noted above, or fixed at \$50 million each, with the potential for two payments, as indicated by the last sentence of your disclosure.

If drilling results or other factors are involved in determining the amount that would be payable upon submitting an appraisal plan, describe those provisions to the extent necessary to inform investors with regard to any uncertainties that may affect your ability

to earn the contingent consideration.  
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2. We note that Exhibits 10.79, 10.80 and 10.81 incorporate by reference the Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 that were filed with your Form 10-Q on November 9, 2020, and appear to pertain to your September 8, 2020 farm down agreement. You indicate that you have redacted information pursuant to Item 601(b) of Regulation S-K, although we see that you have redacted the consideration details from each corresponding section of these exhibits.

Given that you have disclosed the amounts that you may receive under the arrangement, tell us why you believe that such redactions would not be contrary to Item 601(b)(10)(iv) of Regulation S-K, if this is your view, or describe any procedural change that you will undertake to ensure future redactions are consistent with this guidance.

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Lily Dang at (202) 551-3867 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Karl Hiller - Branch Chief at (202) 551-3686 with any other questions.

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Sincerely,  
Division of  
Office of Energy