

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

## ENERGY

### THE OFFSHORE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND PIPE-LINES (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)

#### DIRECTION DECISIONS

Pursuant to regulations 6(11) and 6(12) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State gives notice of the following decision(s), in respect of application(s) made under regulation 6 of the above Regulations requesting a direction confirming that a relevant project need not be accompanied by an environmental statement and confirming the Secretary of State's agreement to the grant of consent.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
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DRA/530	Apache Beryl 1 Ltd	Garten Well 09/18a-Garten	09/18	01/02/2018
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DRA/526	AGR	Orlando Well 3/03B-13Z	3/3 23/	02/2018
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DRA/505	TAQA Bratani Ltd	Pelican Well 211/26A-P8Z	211/26a	28/02/2018
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**Main reasons/ conclusions on which decision is based**

Main considerations were discharges to the marine environment, atmospheric emissions and interference with other users of the sea. Chemical discharges assessed as no risk to marine environment, and atmospheric emissions rapidly dispersed to background levels. Impacts were localised and not significant.

**Mitigation features/ measures**

Oil-based mud cuttings either thermally treated to reduce oil content prior to discharge or shipped to shore for treatment and disposal. No bunkering during hours of darkness, and appropriate controls in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events. Agreement given to the issue of consent, providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
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DRA/520	Apache Beryl 1 Ltd	Beryl Well 09/13a-A53	09/13	05/02/2018
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**Main reasons/ conclusions on which decision is based**

Main considerations were discharges to the marine environment and atmospheric emissions. Chemical discharges assessed as no risk to marine environment, and atmospheric emissions rapidly dispersed to background levels. Impacts were localised and not significant.

**Mitigation features/ measures**

Oil-based mud cuttings either thermally treated to reduce oil content prior to discharge or shipped to shore for treatment and disposal, and appropriate controls in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events. Agreement given to the issue of consent, providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PLA/371	Shell U.K. Ltd	Deposit of rock protection, Pipelines PL4103 and PL4104	211/29	13/02/2018

**Main reasons/ conclusions on which decision is based**

Main consideration was interference with other users of the sea. Impacts were localised and not significant. Deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives, and designed to prevent unnecessary interference with other sea users.

**Mitigation features/ measures**

Appropriate navigational controls will be implemented. Agreement given to the issue of consent, providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
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PLA/492	TAQA Bratani Ltd	Pelican Wells P14 and P16, Pipeline Jumpers	211/26a	06/02/2018
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PLA/455	Decipher Production Ltd	Orlando Pipeline System	3/3	07/02/2018
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PLA/499	Ithaca Energy UK Ltd	Harrier to Stella Pipelines PL4385, PLU4386 and PLU4387	30/6a	23/02/2018
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**Main reasons/ conclusions on which decision is based**

Main consideration was interference with other users of the sea. Impacts were localised and not significant. Protective deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives, and designed to prevent unnecessary interference with other sea users. Appropriate navigational controls will be implemented. Agreement given to the issue of consent, providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
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PRA/232	Petrofac Facilities Management Ltd	Gadwall Field Increase in Production	21/19	15/02/2018
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PRA/219	Bumi Armada UK Ltd	Kraken Field Increase in Production	9/2	20/02/2018
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PRA/38	Repsol Sinopec Resources UK Ltd	Piper Field Increase in Production	15/17	21/02/2018
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PRA/141	Total E&P UK Ltd	Elgin Field Increase in Production	22/30c	28/02/2018
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PRA/206	Spirit Energy North Sea Oil Ltd	Larch Field Increase in Production	16/12	28/02/2018
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