

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

## ENERGY

### OFFSHORE PETROLEUM REGULATOR FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DECOMMISSIONING 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
DRA/715	BP Exploration Operating Co Ltd	Clair Ridge Development Well	206/08	13/09/2019
DRA/658	ConocoPhillips Petroleum Company U.K. Ltd	Joanne SZ Development Well (S14)	30/07	30/09/2019

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

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

**Mitigation features / measures**

Any cuttings contaminated with oil-based mud will be treated offshore prior to discharge or shipped to shore for treatment and disposal. Appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
DRA/649	Shell U.K. Ltd	Penguins Tybalt Development Well	211/08	02/09/2019
DRA/649	Shell U.K. Ltd	Penguins Tybalt Development Well	211/08	16/09/2019
DRA/629	Petrofac Facilities Management Ltd	Warwick 204/30b-A Appraisal Well	204/30	18/09/2019
DRA/710	Total E&P North Sea UK Ltd	Isabella 30/12d Exploration Well	30/12	20/09/2019
DRA/698	Nautical Petroleum Ltd	Chimera Exploration Well	03/17	25/09/2019

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

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

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued

**Mitigation features / measures**

Any cuttings contaminated with oil-based mud will be treated offshore prior to discharge or shipped to shore for treatment and disposal, and works will be undertaken in accordance with applicable navigational conditions. Appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PLA/712	Dana Petroleum E&P Ltd	Gannet E PL4418 pipeline stabilisation	21/30	27/09/2019

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

Main considerations related to installation of infrastructure and associated deposit of materials on the seabed, and marine discharges. Discharges assessed as no risk to the marine environment, and impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

**Mitigation features / measures**

Deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives and appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events. Agreement was given to the issue of consent providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PLA/631	Zennor Pathway Ltd	Finlaggan Development	21/05, 22/01 & 16/26	29/7/2019

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

Main considerations related to installation of infrastructure and associated deposit of materials on the seabed, marine discharges and interference with other users of the sea. Discharges assessed as no risk to the marine environment, and impacts assessed as localised and not significant.

**Mitigation features / measures**

Deposits will be the minimum required to achieve objectives and designed to prevent unnecessary interference with other users of the sea. Works will be undertaken in accordance with applicable navigational conditions and appropriate controls will be in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental events. Agreement was given to the issue of consent providing works are undertaken as specified in the application.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad/Block	Direction Issued
PRA/273	Equinor UK Ltd	Sleipner T Platform, Utgard Field Commencement of Production	16/18	04/09/2019
PRA/43	Apache Beryl I Ltd	Start of Production – Storr Field	09/13	20/09/2019