

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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**DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY
THE OFFSHORE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND PIPE-LINES (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1999 (AS AMENDED)
ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT DECISION AND GRANT OF CONSENT**

HAWKINS AND SEYMOUR PRODUCTION INCREASE

Pursuant to regulations 5A(7), 5A(8) and 16 of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State gives notice of agreement to the grant of consent given by the Secretary of State under regulation 5A of the above Regulations, and notice of the consents for the Hawkins and Seymour fields granted by the Oil and Gas Authority. Having regard to the Environmental Statement (ES) of 3rd September 2019 and the revised ES of 18th December 2019 submitted under the above Regulations, any information provided under regulation 10 of these Regulations and any representations received from consultees and in response to the public notice, the Secretary of State has assessed the project as not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and has agreed to the grant of consent. A summary of the Secretary of State's decision and the relevant consents granted by the Oil and Gas Authority is detailed below.

Reference	Operator	Project Name	Quad / Block	Agreement Decision Issued	Consent Granted
D/4238/-2019	Chrysaor North Sea Limited	Hawkins and Seymour Fields Production Increase	22/5b	10/02/-2020	10/02/-2020
OGA Consent Details		Consent for the further development of the Seymour field (revised development and production consent) (Licence P.356) and revised production consent for the Hawkins field (P66, P110, P356). The Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) received the Seymour Field Development Plan Addendum (FDPA), relating to the development of the Seymour Horst formation via an extended reach development well (22/05b-A14) drilled from the Armada platform. The OGA has granted revised consents for the development and the consequent increase in production. The OGA has also granted a revised consent for an increase in production from the Hawkins Field, relating to the drilling of an infill development well (22/05b-A13) drilled from the Armada platform and targeting the Hawkins reservoir.			
Contents of the regulation 5A decision		Following review of the ES of 3rd September 2019 for the proposed production increases for the Hawkins and Seymour fields and the comments received from consultees, Chrysaor North Sea Limited (Chrysaor) was requested to provide additional information and elected to submit a revised ES (which was subject to further public notice). Following review of that revised ES, the Secretary of State was content to approve the ES and to agree to the OGA granting the necessary consents.			

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		Main reasons and considerations on which the regulation 5A decision is based		The ES identified increases in atmospheric emissions, chemical use and discharge, produced water discharge and the probability of an accidental hydrocarbon spill as having the potential to result in a likely significant effect on the environment. The environmental sensitivities and potential impacts were adequately discussed and assessed in the revised ES, and the Secretary of State is satisfied that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the receiving environment, the living resources it supports, any protected habitats or species or other users of the sea.	
		Summary of representations received		Responses to the ES of 3rd September 2019 were received from The Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Marine Scotland, the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Ministry of Defence Infrastructure Organisation and the Northern Lighthouse Board. Scottish Natural Heritage and the Norwegian Climate and Pollution Agency were also consulted but did not submit any comments on the proposals. The ES was also subject to public notice and two interested parties requested copies of the ES, but they did not submit any comments on the proposals. No representations against the proposals were received.	
		Details of how representations received were taken into account		Comments on the ES of 3rd September 2019 were forwarded to Chrysaor and were addressed in a revised ES which was subject to a repeat of the consultation and a new public notice. No representations against the proposals were received, and the Secretary of State was content that all previous comments had been addressed by the developer.	
		Any environmental conditions		No environmental conditions were attached to the agreement to the OGA granting the necessary consents.	
		Any mitigation measures or features		The proposals will be undertaken in line with best industry practice and in accordance with existing permit conditions and the commitments detailed in the ES. No significant adverse impacts are anticipated that would warrant additional mitigation measures.	
		Any monitoring conditions		No significant adverse impacts are anticipated that would warrant additional monitoring conditions.	
		Further information in relation to the ES decision and a copy of this notice can be found at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/oil-and-gas-environmental-statements-reviewed . Any person aggrieved by the grant of consent can apply to the court under regulation 16 of the above Regulations. The court may grant an order quashing the grant of consent where it is satisfied that the consent granted was in contravention of the requirements of the above Regulations (consideration of environmental statement etc.) or that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by any failure to comply with any requirement of those Regulations. An application must be made within six weeks from the date that this notice is published in the Gazettes. If you have any questions in relation to the notice or the decision, please contact the Environmental Management Team, Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (OPRED), AB1 Building, Crimon Place, Aberdeen AB10 1BJ (e-mail: BST@beis.gov.uk or Tel: 01224 254138). (3493448)			