

MAUREEN DECOMMISSIONING PROGRAMME

Section 1. Introduction

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1.1 Introduction

The Maureen and Moira Fields, located in Block 16/29a on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf, reached the end of their economic life in June 1999. As a consequence the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), upon application from the Maureen Owners, granted consent to cease production from the Maureen Facilities on 7 October 1999. As the Maureen Facilities no longer serve their intended purpose, the Maureen Owners hereby submit the following four (4) Decommissioning Programmes, together covering all elements of the Maureen Facilities, to the DTI for approval in accordance with the requirements of the Petroleum Act 1998. Each decommissioning programme corresponds to a separate Decommissioning Notice (Section 29 of Petroleum Act 1998) as detailed below:

Decommissioning Programme 1, covering the Maureen Platform, Drilling Template and the Maureen Oil Loading Column.

Decommissioning Programme 2, covering the Maureen Oil Loading Pipeline which runs between the Maureen Platform and the Oil Loading Column.

Decommissioning Programme 3, covering a 6" pipeline, a 2" pipeline and a control umbilical which run from the Moira Field to the Maureen Platform.

Decommissioning Programme 4, covering the Moira Subsea Wellhead.

The Sections of this document which correspond to each of the **Decommissioning Programmes, 1 to 4**, are set out in subsection 1.2.

The Maureen Decommissioning Programmes comply with the draft "DTI Guidance Notes for Industry on the Decommissioning of Offshore Installations and Pipelines under the Petroleum Act 1998"¹ for form and content². In order to clearly present the reasoning and activities involved in these programmes, this document incorporates and presents the four programmes as one. This is permitted by the DTI Guidelines.

For ease of reading, the Selected Decommissioning Options are described for the following facilities in the order shown:

- The Maureen Platform and Drilling Template (part of Programme 1);
- The Maureen Loading Column (part of Programme 1);
- The Maureen Oil Loading Pipeline (Programme 2); and
- The Moira Subsea Facilities (Programmes 3 and 4).

Note: Where the context requires, the word "Programme" shall include the plural "Programmes" and vice versa.

The Maureen Decommissioning Programme is submitted by the Maureen Owners who are:

Phillips Petroleum Company United Kingdom Limited ³ (Operator)		33.78%
Fina Exploration Limited ⁴		28.96%
Agip (U.K.) Limited ⁵		17.26%
BG International Limited ⁶		11.5%
Pentex Oil UK Limited ⁷		8.5%

The recommended Maureen Decommissioning Programme is fully consistent with the applicable legal requirements and OSPAR Decision 98/3⁸, from which no derogation is requested.

1.2 Document Sections Comprising the Four Decommissioning Programmes

Programmes	The Maureen Decommissioning Programme			
	Programme 1	Programme 2	Programme 3	Programme 4
	Maureen Platform, Drilling Template and Oil Loading Column	Maureen Oil Loading Pipeline	6" Pipeline 2" Pipeline and Control Umbilical	Moira Subsea Wellhead
Applicable Sections of this Document	1	1	1	1
	2.1 – 2.6 inclusive, 2.7, 2.10 – 2.14 inclusive	2.1 – 2.6 inclusive, 2.9 – 2.14 inclusive	2.1 – 2.6 inclusive, 2.8, 2.10 – 2.14 inclusive	2.1 – 2.6 inclusive, 2.8, 2.10 – 2.14 inclusive
	3	3	3	3
	4.1, 4.2.1 – 4.2.3 inclusive, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5	4.1, 4.2.4, 4.3.1, 4.3.3, 4.5	4.2.5, 4.4, 4.5	4.1, 4.2.5, 4.4, 4.5
	5.1 – 5.3 inclusive, 5.6	5.5, 5.6	5.4, 5.6	5.4, 5.6
	6.1, 6.2, 6.3.1 – 6.3.3 inclusive 6.4, 6.5	6.1, 6.2, 6.3.5, 6.5	6.1, 6.2, 6.3.4, 6.5	6.1, 6.2, 6.3.4, 6.5
	7, 8	10	9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4.2, 9.4.3, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7	9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4.1, 9.5, 9.6, 9.6, 9.7
	11 – 16 inclusive	11 – 16 inclusive	11 – 16 inclusive	11 – 16 inclusive
	17 Report numbers: 1, 2, 3, 5 – 11 inclusive, 13 – 50 inclusive, 56 - 73 inclusive	17 Report numbers: 4, 12, 26, 51	17 Report numbers: 4, 12, 52, 53, 54, 55	17 Report number: 12
	Appendices A, B, E, F	Appendices A, D, E	Appendices A, C, E	Appendices A, E
	Addendum 1	-	-	-

1.3 Notes and References

- ¹ DTI Guidance Notes for Industry on the Decommissioning of Offshore Installations and Pipelines (referred to herein as the “DTI Guidelines”). A copy can be found at:
http://www.og.dti.gov.uk/decom/dcom_hom.htm
- ² As permitted by the DTI Guidelines, this Decommissioning Programme deals with all the facilities installed on the Maureen Field and the satellite Moira Field, as all facilities are owned by the same license group. The order and contents of the sections in this document follow that suggested by the DTI Guidelines, except that the contents of Section 6, as advised by the DTI Guidelines, in this document is split into Sections 6 to 10 for ease of reading.
- ³ Phillips Petroleum Company United Kingdom Limited
<http://www.phillips66.com>
- ⁴ Fina Exploration Limited
<http://www.fina.com>
- ⁵ Agip (U.K.) Limited
<http://www.eni.it/english/mondo/europa/uk.html>
- ⁶ BG International Limited
<http://www.bg-group.com>
- ⁷ Pentex Oil UK Limited
<http://www.sibirenergy.com>
- ⁸ OSPAR Decision 98/3 on the Disposal of Disused Offshore Installations. A copy of the Decision is included within Annex B of the Guidance Notes (see Note 1 above).

The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic ("OSPAR Convention") entered into force on 25 March 1998 – Refer to: <http://www.ospar.org/eng/html/content.html> for further information on OSPAR.