Dear «Name_»

THE OFFSHORE CHEMICALS REGULATIONS 2002

PON15B FOR «Field_Name» BLOCK/WELL «Well_number»
PON15D FOR <FIELD DEVELOPMENT NAME OR HOST DISCHARING INSTALLATION NAME>

A chemical permit for the project detailed in your application, reference «DECC_Number», dated «Date» is now issued in accordance with the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002 (SI/2002/1355). The grant of permit and the applicable terms and conditions are attached. A copy of this notification and the grant of permit will be forwarded to the application consultees.

We would draw your attention to the revised Additional Provisions (Appendix 1, Section 2) attached to the permit. Following a review of permitting activity, it has been decided that all discharges of materials contaminated with reservoir hydrocarbons should be the subject of a separate application under the Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (OPPC) 2005. It has also been decided to terminate the DECC / Industry Oil Recovery Project, as sufficient samples have now been collected to assess the data. [Above text to be deleted for PON15C’s, PON15D’s and PON15E’s, and for PON15B’s and PON15F’s do not involve the use of oil based drilling fluids]

If you have any queries in relation to this notification or the attachments, please do not hesitate to contact myself on (01224) 254> or email the Environmental Management Team at EMT@berr.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Environmental Manager

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THE OFFSHORE CHEMICALS REGULATIONS 2002

CHEMICAL PERMIT

«Field_Name» BLOCK/WELL «Well_number»
<PIPELINE NAME (AND NUMBER IF PROVIDED)>
<FIELD DEVELOPMENT NAME>

«DECC_Number»

Whereas «Company» has made an application dated «Date», under The Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002; the Secretary of State has considered the application and in exercise of the powers available to him under regulation 4 hereby permits «Company» to use and/or discharge those chemicals detailed in the application, in accordance with the quantities for use and/or discharge set out in the application and the conditions specified in the attached schedule.

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State

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EM
Authorised to act in that behalf

DATE
THE OFFSHORE CHEMICALS REGULATIONS 2002

SCHEDULE OF PERMIT CONDITIONS

The grant of the permit is conditional upon the permit holder complying with the following conditions.

1) Permit validity
The permit shall be valid from

2) Permitted chemicals
The permit holder shall ensure that all chemicals used or discharged during the course of the operations covered by the permit are detailed in the permit application, and that the chemicals are used or discharged in accordance with the conditions detailed in the permit application. In the event of an incident involving the accidental release of any chemical, the permit holder must notify the Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (hereinafter called the Department) immediately using Petroleum Operations Notice No. 1 (PON1). In the event of an unscheduled operational discharge, or a discharge that is not undertaken in accordance with the conditions detailed in the permit application, or a discharge that is undertaken for the purpose of securing the safety of any person (force majeure), the permit holder must submit a written report to the Department within two working days of the discharge.

3) Permitted quantities of chemicals
The permit holder shall ensure that the quantities of all chemicals used or discharged during the course of the operations covered by the permit do not exceed by more than 10% the quantities detailed in the permit application. In the event that the permit holder becomes aware that the use or discharge of any chemical may exceed the quantity detailed in the permit application by more than 10%, the permit holder must notify the Department within two working days.

4) Approved chemicals
The permit holder shall ensure that all chemicals used or discharged during the course of the operations covered by the permit are currently approved under the Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Scheme, and included in the lists of approved chemicals maintained and published by the Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS). In the event that the approval of a chemical will expire during the course of the operations covered by the permit, the permit holder must notify the Department in advance of any use or discharge of existing stocks of the chemical following expiry of the approval.

5) Candidates for substitution
The permit holder shall investigate the replacement of any chemicals or chemical components that are confirmed by the Department to be candidates for substitution, with a view to identifying suitable alternatives. The permit holder shall additionally submit an annual report to the Department, commencing one year after the date of permit issue confirming the measures
taken to identify suitable alternatives and the current status of the replacement schedule.

6) **Trial chemicals**
The permit holder shall ensure that all trial chemicals used or discharged during the course of the operations covered by the permit have temporary approval and are included in the list of approved chemicals maintained and published by CEFAS; and that the use or discharge of the trial chemicals is undertaken in accordance with the conditions agreed with the Department. In the event that the permit holder becomes aware that the use or discharge of a trial chemical may breach the conditions agreed with the Department, they must notify the Department within two working days.

7) **Duration of chemical trials**
The permit holder shall ensure that the trial chemicals listed below are only used or discharged during the periods specified:

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<th>Chemical name</th>
<th>Specified period from &lt;date&gt; until &lt;date&gt;</th>
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8) **Maintenance of records**
The permit holder shall maintain a record of chemical use and discharge during the course of the operations covered by the permit. Copies of the record must be made available to the Department upon request, and retained for a period of one calendar year following submission of the relevant permit returns (see below).

9) **Inspections**
Should the Department consider it necessary or expedient for an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to investigate whether the conditions of the permit are being complied with, the permit holder shall afford the Inspector with such facilities and assistance as the Inspector considers necessary to exercise the powers conferred by the regulations. The permit holder shall additionally ensure that copies (electronic or paper) of the permit and any other relevant documents are available for inspection by the Inspector at:

a) the premises of the permit holder;
b) the premises of any agent or supplier acting on behalf of the permit holder; and
c) the facilities undertaking the operations covered by the permit.

10) **Monitoring**

11) **Check monitoring**
Should the Department consider it necessary or expedient to undertake an independent monitoring programme to assess the impact of chemical discharges undertaken during the course of the operations covered by the permit, the permit holder shall afford the Department with such facilities and assistance as the Department considers necessary to undertake the work.

12) **Permit returns**
The permit holder shall, within 28 days of completion of the operations covered by the permit or within 28 days of the date of expiry of the permit, whichever is the sooner, submit a return confirming the quantities of all chemicals used or discharged during the course of the operations covered by the permit. The return should be input directly to the EEMS database.

The permit holder shall, within 28 days of the end of each calendar quarter (January – March, April – June, July – September and October - December), submit a return confirming the quantities of all chemicals used or discharged during the previous calendar quarter. The return should be input directly to the EEMS database. Where the return indicates that the quantity of any chemical used or discharged exceeds the quantity detailed in the chemical permit application, a copy of the return should also be forwarded directly to the Department.

13) Permit review
The permit shall be subject to regular formal review. The frequency of review will be approximately every three years, and the Department will contact the permit holder at least three months prior to a proposed review to confirm the arrangements. The permit holder shall provide the Department with any information that the Department considers necessary to undertake a proposed review.

14) Permit variation
In the event of the permit holder becoming aware that any of the information on which the issue of the permit was based may change, or has changed, they must notify the Department immediately. In the event that the permit holder wishes any of the particulars detailed in the permit to be altered, the permit holder must notify the Department immediately and request a variation to the chemical permit.
APPENDIX 1

SCHEDULE OF PROVISIONS

Section 1 - Provisions of the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002

The attention of the permit holder is drawn to the following provisions regarding the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002:

1) The permit holder must satisfy himself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the permitted operations. The issue of the permit does not absolve the permit holder from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc that may be required under any other legislation.

2) The Secretary of State may exercise his power under Regulations 12 and 13 of the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002:
   a) to review the grant of the permit together with any of the conditions described above; and
   b) to revoke the grant of permit.

3) Regulation 18(1) of the Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002 makes it an offence to use or discharge a chemical otherwise than in accordance with the permit and the applicable terms and conditions of the permit.

4) All communications relating to the permit should be addressed to:

   **Out-of-hours emergency permit variations:**
   Telephone DECC Duty Officer (020 7215 3505/3234) and ask to be connected to the On-call Response Officer (Offshore Environmental Inspectorate).

   **Routine communications:**
   EMT@berr.gsi.gov.uk or

   Department of Energy and Climate Change
   Environmental Management Team
   Energy Development Unit (EDU)
   4th Floor, Atholl House
   86-88 Guild Street
   ABERDEEN AB11 6AR
   Tel number: (01224) 254045
   Fax number: (01224) 254019
Section 2 - Additional Provisions

The attention of the permit holder is drawn to the following additional provisions:

1) Candidates for substitution: Where chemicals or chemical components have been identified as candidates for substitution, the operator should contact the chemical manufacturer or supplier with a view to replacing the chemicals or specific components with suitable alternatives. All justifications relating to future use of candidates for substitution must include details of this dialogue. If this information is not provided, applicants may be requested to amend the application, which could delay permit issue.

2) Drill cuttings, associated drilling fluids and well-bore clean-up fluids contaminated with reservoir hydrocarbons: Where it is envisaged that materials contaminated with reservoir hydrocarbons (e.g. drill cuttings, associated drilling fluids and well-bore clean-up fluids) will be discharged to the sea, it will be necessary to obtain a permit to discharge the reservoir hydrocarbons under the Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations (OPPC) 2005. A separate application for an OPPC oil discharge permit should therefore be submitted to the Department’s Offshore Environmental Inspectorate.
APPENDIX 2

Section 3

The Department requires you to take note of the following comments:

We would draw to your attention that the following chemicals may fall from certification during the course of the proposed operations:

[Insert relevant chemicals]

We would therefore refer you to Condition 4 of the schedule of permit conditions.