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Consents given under the Petroleum Act 1998 and Reviews under the Assessment of Environmental Effects Regulations 1999

BHP

BLOCK 110/13B

Pursuant to Regulation 5(8) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry gives notice that, being content that the requirements of the above Regulations have been satisfied, he has, pursuant to Licence P710, granted a consent to BHP Petroleum Limited to the getting of petroleum and the drilling of an exploration well in Block 110/13b (hereafter referred to as "the project") subject to BHP conducting operations in respect of the project in accordance with the relevant environmental statement. The consent for the well was given on 25/07/01.

Background

The proposed project comprises of the drilling of a single oil producing well from the existing Douglas Platform. This is the eighteenth well to be drilled at this near shore development approximately 25 kilometres from the Welsh coast.

The scope of the environmental statement is as follows:

- The drilling of a single well from the existing Douglas Platform

No significant impacts have been identified from the proposed development and it is unlikely to affect any existing or potential future SAC or SPA that may or has been identified. There were no major objections to this project and no significant impacts were identified. Following the provision of additional information, the Environmental Statement was approved.

Recommendation

Overall the environmental statement is satisfactory and adequately assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development. Recommend that consent be given.