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

Bridge North Sea Ltd

Durango Development

ES Title: Durango Development
Operator: Bridge North Sea Limited
Consultants: Genesis Oil and Gas Consultants
Field Group (BERR): London
ES Date: March 2008
Block Nos: 48/21
Development Type: Single well subsea tied-back.

The proposed development is located in Blocks 48/21 in the Southern North Sea, approximately 36 km east of the UK coastline in water depths ranging from 12.3m to 21m. The project comprises the drilling of a single horizontal well. The well will be connected to the unmanned Waveney Platform via a 14.7km, 8” pipeline and 4.85” umbilical. The production of gas, where the Durango development is expected to produce a maximum flow rate of 46 MScf/d in the first 3 years, declining from the fourth year. There is no evidence of sensitive habitats in the vicinity of the Durango development that could be potentially designated for Offshore Natura 2000 habitat. The harbour porpoise have been recorded in August. No sites have been designated due to the presence of the harbour porpoise in the vicinity of the Durango development.

The statutory consultees for this project were JNCC, Natural England (NE) (where JNCC and NE provided a joint response) and CEFAS. No comments were received as a result of the public consultation. Bridge North Sea Limited provided additional information on the 30th May 2008. All issues were considered satisfactorily amended and clarified. Following consultation and the provision of the additional information, BERR are satisfied that this project is not likely to have a significant impact on the receiving environment, including any sites or species protected under the Habitats Regulations. Therefore, on the basis of the information presented within the ES and advice from consultees it is
recommended that the ES should be approved.

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