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

### **Chevron North Sea Limited**

#### **Captain Field Production Consent Increase 13/22a**

Captain Field is located in the UK sector of the North Sea in Block 13/22a approximately 72 km north of Fraserburgh and 88 km east of Wick in water depths of 120 metres. The existing development comprises two platforms - a bridge Linked Platform (BLP) and a Wellhead Protection Platform (WPP), and the Captain Floating Production Storage and Offloading vessel (FPSO).

Chevron has applied for revised production consent for the Captain Area for 2008 - 2012. Actual production for 2008 is expected to exceed the present consented production by more than the 500 m<sup>3</sup> / oil threshold and therefore an ES is required under the Offshore Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999 (as amended). The proposed revised production consent is a maximum estimate of P90. Actual production is expected to be between the existing production consent and the proposed revised production consent.

The need for increased production consent at Captain reflects higher than the consented production from the existing Captain wells, and lower duration of planned and unplanned plant and well shutdown case used for the current P50 estimates and therefore a higher time for production.

No further developments are planned for the Captain asset and the proposed production consent increase is within the design capacity of the plant and no process plant modifications is required to process the proposed increased production consent.

Following consultation and the provision of the additional information on the 21 October 2008, DECC and its consultees were 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.

The ES was approved on the 22 October 2008.

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