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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

Greater Rosebank Drilling Programme 213/17, 213/23, 213/27 and 213/28

Chevron is planning to potentially drill up to five exploration or appraisal wells targeting Rosebank, Rosebank, North/Lochnagar North, Aberlour, Lochside and Milburn reservoir/prospects. These prospects collectively make up the Greater Rosebank Area located in the Faroe-Shetland channel. Situated within Blocks 213/17, 213/23, 213/27 and 213/28, off the edge of the UK continental shelf in the North-East Atlantic, the Greater Rosebank area is 10 to 15 km from the UK / Faroe median line, approximately 113 km west of the Shetland Island and 160 km southeast of the Faroe Islands. Water depths at Greater Rosebank are approximately 1,150 m.

The main purpose of the proposed drilling programme is to identify whether hydrocarbons are present in the case of exploration wells or define the size of the field and reduce uncertainties in the case of appraisal wells. The wells will be suspended if it is found to be successful for future re-entry. However, if unsuccessful the wells will be plugged with cement and abandoned.

The wells will be drilled using drill ship Stenna Carron in water depths of approximately 1,150 m and the drilling is expected to last for 340 days, commencing 1 November 2008 (ending tentatively February 2010). It is planned to drill the upper hole and lower hole sections using water based mud (WBM) with a contingency to use low toxicity oil based mud (OBM) in the lower hole sections (12¼ ' and 8½ ' sections). Any spent OBM and cuttings generated during the drilling of the lower sections will be skipped and shipped to shore for treatment and disposal.

Following consultation and the provision of the additional information on the 25 September 2008, BERR 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 1 October 2008.

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