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

### **CNR**

#### **COLUMBA E**

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 P199, granted a consent to Ranger Oil U.K. Limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the Columba E field. The consent for the Columba E field took effect from 30/01/98 and shall last until 31/12/01.

#### **Background**

The original environmental statement detailed the environmental impacts from the drilling and development of a single well on the Columba E terrace with processing on the Ninian South Platform. Following consultations with the statutory consultees, it was deemed that the statement did not fully address the impacts from the flaring of gas and, as a result, Ranger was requested to submit an addendum. This addendum went to public consultation. The consultation period ended on the 13th March 1999. No comments were received.

#### **Recommendation**

Since submission of the original Environmental Statement, Ranger have drilled an appraisal well and, as a result, have submitted new figures on oil and gas production. As a consequence of this, and changes to the flows on Ninian South undertaken by Oryx, the quantity of gas to be flared has reduced. In addition, flaring of gas from the Columba E Phase II development is now anticipated to end after the first half of 2000 against 2011, as stated in the Statement. Combined, these changes significantly reduce the impact and the Amended ES should now be accepted.