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

Conoco VAMPIRE FIELD

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 P33, granted a consent to Conoco U.K. limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the Vampire field. The consent for the Vampire field took effect from 05/10/98 and shall last until 31/12/01.

Background

Block 49/16 is in the southern North Sea, approximately 115 km east of Theddlethorpe. The platform will be in about 26m of water and currents in the region lead to strong mixing. The region is relatively unproductive with few sensitivities.

Development of the JX single gas field in Block 49/16 in the Southern North Sea involving re-entering and completing the discovery well 49/16-11 and drilling a new well into the northern part of the field. A new, normally unmanned, platform will be put in place along with a new 9km pipeline connecting the platform to the existing export facilities at LOGGS.

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The platform will have no processing or storage equipment on board, with all reservoir fluids going to Theddlethorpe for processing.

Recommendation

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