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

### **Mobil**

#### **SKENE 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 P103, granted a consent to Mobil North Sea Limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the Skene field. The consent for the Skene field took effect from 12/07/00 and shall last until 31/12/06.

#### **Background**

The Skene field is located in Block 9/19 in the Northern North Sea, approximately 72km 15 km Southeast of the Beryl platform, 340km Northeast of Aberdeen and 11km from the UK/Norway median line. The nearest landfall is the Shetland Islands, approximately 170km to the Northwest. Mobil intend to develop the field in two stages. Initially, five production wells will be drilled and, depending on the outcome, two additional wells and one sidetrack may be drilled. The field will be developed as a subsea tie back to Beryl Alpha via a 45½" bundled pipeline. Some modifications will be required to the Beryl Alpha platform.

Mobil submitted an Environmental Statement in February 2000 in support of the Skene development. The Statement was comprehensive and identified no significant environmental impacts. The area around Skene is relatively well developed with no specific environmental sensitivities and the proposed development will not affect any potential Special Area of Conservation. Following review of the ES, the DTI and the statutory consultees requested additional information from Mobil. This was submitted and in June 2000 there were no outstanding environmental issues. There will be no significant impacts from the proposed development.

#### **Recommendation**

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