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

### **Shell (U.K.) Limited**

#### **Cutter Field Development**

Pursuant to Regulation 5(8) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry gives notice that she is content that the requirements of the above Regulations have been satisfied. Consent has been granted to Shell (U.K.) Limited for the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations, in relation to the development of the Cutter field in accordance with the environmental statement.

Shell plan to develop the Cutter field that is located in Blocks 49/08a and 49/09a in the southern North Sea, some 120 km north-east of Bacton on the North Norfolk coast, in a water depth of approximately 32 metres. The field will produce both gas and condensate over a period 10 ? 15 years. The proposed development comprises of a new normally unmanned installation called Cutter QC and a new export pipeline to the Carrack QA. Power will be provided by renewable energy package.

Two development wells will be drilled and cleaned-up.

A self-burying 19 km export gas line with a 3" piggyback MEG line will be installed between the Cutter QC and Carrack QA. The use of a self-burying line avoids any requirement to pre-sweep or trench and bury the line. No rock dumping is required apart from at pipeline crossings.

An adequate description of the receiving environment is presented within the ES.

An Environmental Impact Assessment is presented within the ES from which the main issues of potential significance were identified. The potential impacts arising from these activities are assessed within the ES and it is concluded that they are unlikely to have a significant environmental impact.

#### **Recommendation**

Overall the environmental statement is satisfactory and adequately assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development. It is recommend that consent is given to the project.

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