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

### **TUSCAN ENERGY (SCOTLAND) LTD**

#### **DALMORE 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, she has, granted a consent to Tuscan Energy (Scotland) Ltd to the getting of petroleum and the drilling of a production well in Block 30/24 (hereafter referred to as "the project") subject to Tuscan Energy (Scotland) Ltd conducting operations in respect of the project in accordance with the relevant environmental statement. The consent for the well was given on 29th November 2004 and shall remain in force for a period of two years.

**Background** Tuscan Energy (Scotland) Limited (Tuscan) is planning to develop the Dalmore field via a single high angle well drilled through the existing Ardmore field production facility (Rowan Gorilla VII). The Dalmore field is located in block 30/24d, 320 km South-East of Aberdeen and 3 km west of the Ardmore field. The well will be connected to the Ardmore production facility by a flexible flowline. Produced fluids are to be processed on the Ardmore field production facility and exported via the existing shuttle tanker arrangement. Drilling is due to start in May 2005 with first oil expected in August 2005. The well is to be drilled using WBM and LTOBM, with 850 tonnes of WBM cuttings to be discharged to sea and 1095 tonnes of LTOBM cuttings to be shipped to shore for disposal.

#### **Sensitivities**

The environmental statement identifies a range of potential environmental hazards and outlines proposed mitigation measures, including:

- Physical Presence
- Seabed disturbance
- Noise and Vibration
- Atmospheric Emissions

- Marine Discharges
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Hydrocarbon spill
- Transboundary impacts
- Cumulative impacts

### **Recommendation**

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

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