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

### **Ettrick Development**

Nexen Petroleum (U.K.) Limited proposes to develop the Ettrick field, which lies approximately 79 km north-east of Peterhead. The project involves the drilling of four development wells and two re-injection wells. Processing facilities will be onboard a Floating Production Facility and oil will be exported via a shuttle tanker. The gas will be exported via a gas line.

All wells will be drilled using a semi-submersible drilling rig and the export line will be trenched and buried to at least 1.0 metre below the seabed.

Drill will commence in the fourth quarter of 2006 and the installation of facilities will commence in April 2007 and first production in late 2007.

The location of the field is not thought to be in a particularly sensitive area and the drilling of six wells using water based mud for at least the top-hole sections and if required oil based mud in the lower sections is not thought to have a significant environmental impact. All oil based mud and contaminated cuttings will be skipped and shipped to shore for treatment.

The laying and trenching of an export pipeline will have a short-term environmental impact, but it is predicted that the seabed will recover relatively quickly.

A detailed impact assessment has been undertaken and where the assessment has identified any issues of potential significance mitigation measures are in place to ensure that impacts are kept to a minimum and details of the management systems in place were presented.

After a period of public consultation and having taken onboard the advice from statutory consultees the Environmental Statement was approved on 28 April 2007.

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