

Schiehallion Development: Wider Field Perspective
ES Web Comments

ES Title:	Schiehallion Development: Wider Field Perspective
Operator:	BP Exploration Company Limited
ES Report No:	D/2176/2004
ES Date:	May 2004
Block Nos:	204/20 (FPSO positioning)
Development Type:	2-3 new drill centres tied back to the existing FPSO, in addition, infill drilling at existing drill centres over the period 2004-2010.

Synopsis:

BP Exploration Company Limited (BP) is planning to develop the Schiehallion field further. The ES covers a number of potential programmes to take place over the period 2004-2010. New drill centres at Northwest, Alligin and possibly Southeast with approximately 21 wells tied back to the existing Schiehallion FPSO with associated infrastructure, including new flowline corridors. In addition, there is the potential for infill drilling of approximately 18 wells at existing drill centres, including; West, Central, North and Loyal. There are a number of potential sidetrack targets with additional infrastructure and flowlines.

The ES covers the potential activity over the 2004 to 2010 timescale. Drilling is to be undertaken by a semi-submersible drilling rig. Operations are expected to begin in 2004. The wells will be drilled using Water Based Muds (WBM) and Oil Based Muds (OBM) with an estimated 1.217 tonnes of cuttings per well.

As a result of an environmental risk assessment there were 6 aspects identified and addressed within the ES, none of which were found to be significant:

- Physical presence and seabed disturbance
- Discharges to sea
- Solid waste
- Atmospheric Emissions
- Accidental events
- Cumulative and transboundary impacts
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Mitigation measures are in place to ensure that impacts are kept to a minimum.

Consultees:

JNCC: No objections

FRS: No objections

Recommendation:

Based on the information presented in the environmental statement and further information provided, it is recommended that consent be given.