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BG Group

Atlantic and Cromarty Field Development 14/26a & 13/30a

This environmental statement (ES), from BG International Limited, outlines BG's plan to develop the Atlantic and Cromarty gas and condensate fields in block 14/26a. This development will consist of three producing wells and two subsea wellheads tied back to the St Fergus refinery via a trenched and buried 80 kilometre 18" line. Field control will be via a 30 kilometre umbilical from the nearby Goldeneye platform (which is itself remotely controlled by satellite link from St Fergus). All wells will be drilled using Water based mud (WBM) and Low tox Oil Based Mud (LTOBM) with WBM being discharged to sea and LTOBM shipped to shore for treatment and disposal. Over field life chemical use is not significant but will receive further scrutiny through the PON15 application and review process. Emissions consist of well clean up chemical emissions and atmospheric emissions from various vessels drilling rigs etc, but overall these emissions are not considered to be environmentally significant. There will be no offshore produced water discharges. In conclusion, no significant environmental impacts have been identified.

Following consultation, DTI and its consultees are satisfied that this project will not be likely to have a significant impact on the receiving environment, including any sites or species protected under the Habitats Regulations. The ES was approved on 11 December 2003.

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