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

BP

MACLURE FIELD DEVELOPMENT

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, he has, pursuant to Licence P103, granted a consent to BP Exploration Operating Company Limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the Maclure field development. The consent for the Maclure field development took effect from 16/01/02 and shall last until 31/12/10.

Background

BP Exploration Operating Company Limited intend to develop the Maclure Field as a single production well with a subsea tie back to the Kerr McGee operated Gryphon "A" Floating Production, Storage and Offloading vessel, approximately 2km to the West. The field lies in approximately 112.5m of water, 170km from the nearest coast, the Shetland Isles, and 8km from the UK/Norway median line.

The project consists of the drilling of a single development well using WBM and LTOBM with skip and ship to shore of the latter. When completed the well will be tied back to Kerr McGee's Gryphon FPSO via an 8" pipeline. From there gas will be exported to the Leadon (now Global Producer III) FPSO. There will be some minor modifications to the Gryphon FPSO to accommodate the Maclure fluids.

No significant impacts have been identified from the proposed development and it is unlikely to affect any potential future SAC that may be identified. There were no major objections to this project and no significant impacts were identified. Following the provision of additional information, the Environmental Statement was approved.

Recommendation

Overall the environmental statement is satisfactory and adequately assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development. Recommend that consent be given.