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

Shell

BRIGANTINE D

Pursuant to Regulation 5(8) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry gives notice that, content that the requirements of the above Regulations have been satisfied. He has, pursuant to Licence P007, granted a revised consent to Shell U.K. Exploration and Production Limited in relation to the Brigantine D Development. The consent for the Brigantine field remains in place and shall last until 17/09/10.

Background

Shell U.K. Exploration and Production Ltd proposes to develop the Brigantine D field, located in the southern North Sea some 100km north-east of Bacton on the north Norfolk coast, and lying in 25-30 metres water depth.

The project to be covered by the environmental statement consists of only two main activities:

- Installation and commissioning of the new topsides equipment of a single new development well;
- Production operations associated with that well.

Assessment of the drilling and well clean-up operations for the one well (Inde I) was covered by a PON15B submitted in February 2001. All potential environmental impacts from routine activities were considered negligible. The only potential, but unlikely, risk to the environment comes from accidental oil spillage, in this case diesel from the mobile rig whilst on station. No significant effect was identified and the statutory consultees have no objection to consent being granted.

Recommendation

No significant environmental impact was identified. Overall, the ES is satisfactory and adequately assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development. Recommend that consent for the development is given.