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

### **Chevron UK**

#### **ALBA EXTREME SOUTH FIELD**

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 P213, granted a consent to Chevron UK Limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the Alba Extreme South field. The consent for the Alba Extreme South field took effect from 01/06/00 and shall last until 31/12/04.

#### **Background**

Chevron have submitted this environmental statement in support of the development of the Alba Extreme South field in block 16/26a. The field will be developed as a subsea tie-back to the existing Alba Northern Platform in two phases. The Environmental Statement addresses phase 1 comprising the drilling of 6 production and 2 new injection wells plus subsea facilities. The wells will be drilled with WBM and SBM, with the latter skipped and shipped to shore with contaminated cuttings. Well clean-up will involve flaring but there will be no EWT. Chemical use will be subject to control under the new chemicals regulation. No significant impacts were identified and project is unlikely to have a significant impact on any sites protected under the Habitats Regulation.

#### **Recommendation**

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