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Dear Sir / Madam

**THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING
AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS
2020
VARADERO**

Your application reference PR/2110/0 (Version 1), dated 15th April 2021 requested a screening direction for the above project.

The Department has considered that application and decided that an environmental impact assessment is not required for the above works as the proposals do not fall within the definition of a project as set out in the regulations. Therefore OPRED's agreement to the Oil and Gas Authority's grant of consent is not required. The attached comments set out the main reasons why a screening direction has not been issued. A copy of this notification will be forwarded to the application consultees, the Oil and Gas Authority and published on the gov.uk website.

If you have any queries in relation to this notification or the attachments, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or email the Environmental Management Team at bst@beis.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION FOR SCREENING DIRECTION

Details provided in the associated Field Development Plan Addendum confirm that the proposed production increase does not fall within the definition of a project under the EIA Regulation 2020 as the production increase is not enabled by the execution of construction works or other installations or schemes, and other interventions in the natural surroundings and landscape. Therefore OPRED's agreement to the OGA's grant of consent is not required.