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Dear Sir / Madam

**THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING
AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS
2020
PIPELINE PL4567**

Your application reference PL/2055/0 (Version 1), dated 8th January 2021 requested a screening direction for the above project.

The Department has considered that application and decided that an environmental impact assessment is required for the above project. 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

CNOOC has applied in error for this application. The workscope was applied for under the Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999 (as amended) instead. There is no requirement for this application, and it was kept live in case an extension to the project was required. CNOOC confirmed in an email on 29 July 2021 that the application is not required. The project has not gone ahead, and a new application will be submitted in 2022 if the project is sanctioned then.