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Dear ██████████

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

**NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 12(1)**

**RHUM PRODUCTION INCREASE**

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (“OPRED”) acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) is currently considering the Environmental Statement (“ES”) and the representations received from the public consultation process in relation to the above project. Serica Energy (UK) Limited (Serica) is hereby required to provide further information in relation to the following:

1. Please provide an assessment of the likely significant effects of the project on the environment resulting from the cumulation of effects with other existing or approved projects, taking into account any existing environmental problems relating to areas of particular environmental importance likely to be affected or the use of natural resources. The assessment of cumulative impacts currently within the ES focuses solely on atmospheric emissions. If there are no other potential cumulative impacts, then this should be stated.

The proposed operations should be assessed alongside approved developments under construction, approved developments that have not yet commenced construction, developments submitted for approval but not yet approved, as well as any other significant appropriate development for which some realistic figures are available. This should include any other operations undertaken by Serica as part of the Rhum Field development.

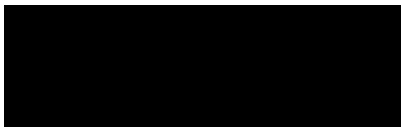
2. The ES contains a comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Bruce, Keith and Rhum and emissions from energy production in the UK. Please provide a further assessment of the impact of the project on climate. Please provide a comparison with UKCS emissions and global emissions.

3. What volume of oil/condensate will be produced as result of bringing R3 back online and how will his compare to production volumes in Section 4?

Your response will be reviewed, and consideration given as to whether the information provided ought to be made public because the information is directly relevant to reaching a conclusion on whether the project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment. If so, OPRED will notify Serica under Regulation 12(3), and Serica will have to take further steps to publish information and make provision for further public consultation under Regulations 12(5) to 12(9).

OPRED looks forward to receiving your response so that we can progress our consideration of the ES.

Yours sincerely



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**Environmental Manager**

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy