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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)

CAMBO PHASE 1 FIELD DEVELOPMENT

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.

We note that:

- On 2 December 2021, Siccar Point Energy E&P Limited (SPE) confirmed in a public statement that the partner in the Cambo Phase 1 Field Development project, Shell U.K. Limited, had taken the decision to not progress its investment in the project at this stage. In that statement, SPE also outlined their intention to continue to engage with the UK Government and wider stakeholders on the future development of Cambo.
- Subsequently, on 10 December 2021 SPE confirmed in a public statement that the Cambo project cannot progress on the originally planned timescale and that the development is being paused until the next steps were evaluated.
- As at the date of this letter, SPE has not notified OPRED of any changes to the project or the planned timescale.

SPE is therefore hereby required to provide further information in relation to the following:

1. Confirmation of the status of the Cambo Phase 1 Field Development project, including clarification as to the intended project timeline and whether any changes to the project are proposed.

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As you will be aware, in accordance with Regulation 14(6), the Secretary of State's decision on whether or not to agree to the grant of consent must be made within a reasonable time from the date on which the Secretary of State has been provided with the relevant information and representations, taking into account the nature and complexity of the project. Please also note that as set out in our published guidance, if there is a significant delay in the project, to the extent that it is likely that more up-to-date environmental information should be used to support the assessment, OPRED is likely to require a new ES. In the circumstances, we do not intend to take further steps in respect of the environmental impact assessment of this project until the requested information has been provided.

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 SPE under Regulation 12(3), and SPE 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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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial
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