

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

**PUBLICATION OF DECISION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE OIL  
AND GAS AUTHORITY**

**RHUM PRODUCTION INCREASE  
SERICA ENERGY (UK) LIMITED  
UKCS Block 3/29a**

**BEIS OPRED Ref: D/4267/2021**

**Pursuant to Regulation 16 of the above Regulations, the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) hereby gives notice of the Secretary of State’s decision to agree to the grant of consent and the decision by the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”) to grant consent.**

1. Following the Secretary of State’s conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, the Secretary of State agreed to the OGA’s grant of consent on 18 February 2022 and the OGA granted consent on 07 March 2022, so the project may proceed.
2. The Secretary of State has published further information about this project and the Secretary of State’s decision on GOV.UK – please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rhum-production-increase>
3. The information available on the above website is:
  - (a) the Secretary of State’s decision to agree to the grant of consent setting out information required by Regulation 14(3) on the conclusion as to the significant effects of the project on the environment, any conditions attached to the agreement, and a description of any features of the project or measures to avoid, prevent, reduce, or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment; and
  - (b) information about the public consultation process, including a summary of representations made to the Secretary of State in respect of the project, together with details of how those representations were taken into account.

4. The information at paragraph 3 above can also be requested from the Secretary of State using the contact details below:

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