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Dear

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

## NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 14(5) – NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION TO AGREE TO THE GRANT OF CONSENT

### **RHUM PRODUCTION INCREASE**

On 27 May 2021 Serica Energy (UK) Limited submitted an Environmental Statement (ES) for the above project to The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning ("OPRED"). OPRED acts on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("the Secretary of State"). Following review of the ES and representations received, Serica Energy (UK) Limited was requested to provide further information, which was provided to OPRED on 10 September 2021 and 03 December 2021.

OPRED has now completed its review of the ES, the representations received relating to the environmental effects of the project and the further information provided. In accordance with Regulation 14(5), we hereby notify you that the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent for the project.

A copy of the decision, which sets out the conclusion on any significant effects of the project on the environment, any conditions attached to the agreement to grant consent, and a description of any features of the project or measures envisaged to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment is appended below.

The Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) was notified of the decision to agree to the grant of consent on 18 February 2022.

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#### **Judicial Review**

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems; one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office (Northern Ireland).

Yours sincerely,



The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning For and on behalf of Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy **Continuation 3** 

APPENDIX

# DECISION TO AGREE TO THE GRANT OF CONSENT

