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Dear Sir / Madam

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

MAGNUS, Magnus Platform, DRILLING PRODUCER WELL 211/12a-M39Z

Your application reference DR/2264/1 (Version 1), dated 11th October 2022 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

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COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION FOR SCREENING DIRECTION

Well MC9 project start date was 1 July 2022, with an end date of 31 January 2023. Delays have meant that the project has not commenced, with a new start and end date of 1 January 2023 - 1 August 2023. The operator has been instructed by the department to apply for a new screening direction to take account of the different environmental conditions associated with the updated timing of drilling.