



Offshore Petroleum Regulator
for Environment & Decommissioning

ES/2022/006

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 12(1)

Teal West Development

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (“OPRED”) acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) is currently considering the Environmental Statement (“ES”) in relation to the above project. Anasuria Hibiscus UK Ltd (AHUK) is hereby required to provide further information in relation to the following:

AHUK originally stated in their Environmental Statement (ES), “*There is currently no plan to use rock as protection for infrastructure although a contingency of up to 4500 tonnes has been included, which would include any requirement to mitigate against UHB. As mentioned previously, the flexible design of the production flowline and trench and backfill installation strategy is expected to minimise the associated UHB risk.*” The original worst case scenario presented in the ES was a 2 metre (m) wide rock berm, consisting of 4,500 tonnes of rock in total. AHUK state that the rock berm width has now increased to an overall width of 4.6m wide, however this does not appear to match that of drawing AHUK-TW-TW-ENG-UADG- 022 B in Appendix B.

It is not clear from AHUK’s response whether the original calculation of seabed footprint associated with rock placement (as shown in in Table 7-1) remains valid and whether the overall seabed footprint of the project remains valid, as a result of the amount of rock required to mitigate upheaval buckling being increased.

Please clarify/amend the following:

- Table 7-1 – is this still correct? If not please amend;

- the worst case quantity (tonnes) of proposed rock to be used to mitigate the potential for upheaval buckling;
- whether the original associated impact assessment associated with this activity remains valid. If not, please update;

Please present the information in a clear and transparent manner.

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 Anasuria Hibiscus UK Ltd under Regulation 12(3), and Anasuria Hibiscus UK Ltd 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 Energy Security and Net Zero