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

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 12(1)

Rosebank Project

Whilst the effect of the reduction of the agreement to the grant of consent for the above project is suspended, as ordered by the Court of Session¹, 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”) requires further information from Equinor UK Limited in relation to the following. This information is required in order for the Secretary of State to make a decision as to whether or not to agree to the grant of consent by the Oil and Gas Authority² for the project.

1. An assessment of the effects of downstream scope 3 emissions from the above project on climate. Please refer to recently published “supplementary guidance for assessing the effects of downstream scope 3 emissions on climate from offshore oil and gas projects”³.

¹ Decision on petitions by Greenpeace Ltd. and Uplift for Judicial Review [2024] CSOH 10. Retrieved from Outer House, Court of Session: <https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/media/v0zkbsxy/2025csoh10-petitions-by-greenpeace-limited-and-uplift-for-judicial-review.pdf>

² The Oil and Gas Authority now operates under the business name of the North Sea Transition Authority

³ DESNZ (2025) Supplementary guidance for assessing the effects of downstream scope 3 emissions on climate from offshore oil and gas projects. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/oil-and-gas-offshore-environmental-legislation#offshore-oil-and-gas-exploration-production-unloading-and-storage-environmental-impact-assessment-regulations-2020>

2. A revised and updated assessment of the likely significant effects of the project on the environment that is not limited to downstream scope 3 emissions. That assessment should provide updated information for the environmental statement, as outlined in Schedule 6 to the Regulations, as relevant.
3. Equinor UK Limited may also wish to provide relevant information for the Secretary of State to consider when reaching a decision on whether or not to agree to the grant of consent. Please refer to the recently published “supplementary guidance for assessing the effects of downstream scope 3 emissions on climate from offshore oil and gas projects”.

To confirm, information should be prepared by competent experts and, should the experts differ from those who prepared the environmental statement, be accompanied by a statement outlining their relevant expertise or qualifications. Your response will be reviewed, and consideration given as to what information provided ought to be made public. After the requested further information from Equinor UK Limited has been considered, OPRED will notify Equinor UK Limited under regulation 12(3), and Equinor UK Limited will have to take further steps to publish information and make provision for further public consultation under regulations 12(5) to 12(9).

Yours sincerely



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Environmental Manager

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning
For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero