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Dear Sir / Madam

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

A screening direction for the project detailed in your application, reference PR/2613/0 (Version 1), dated 14th November 2025 has been issued under regulation 6 of the above Regulations. The screening direction notice, and any relevant conditions and comments are attached. A copy of this screening direction 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 screening direction or the attachments, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or email the Environmental Management Team at [opred@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:opred@energysecurity.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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**SCREENING DIRECTION CONFIRMING THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT IS NOT REQUIRED**

**MUNGO**

**PR/2613/0 (Version 1)**

Whereas BP EXPLORATION OPERATING COMPANY LIMITED has made an application dated 14th November 2025, under The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020, and whereas the Secretary of State has considered the application and is satisfied that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment; in exercise of the powers available under regulation 6, the Secretary of State hereby directs that the application for consent in respect of the project need not be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment, provided that the project is carried out as described in the application for the screening direction and in accordance with the conditions specified in the attached schedule.

In giving a screening direction under regulation 6 of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State accordingly gives agreement to the Oil and Gas Authority to the grant of consent for the project as detailed in the application, PCON/8421.

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

### **SCHEDULE OF SCREENING DIRECTION CONDITIONS**

The grant of this screening direction is conditional upon the screening direction holder complying with the following conditions.

#### **1 Screening direction validity**

This screening direction shall be valid from 14 November 2025.

#### **2 Production level(s)**

The holder of the screening direction shall ensure that the level(s) of production do not exceed the level(s) detailed in the application for the screening direction, and in the application for consent relating to the approval for the getting of petroleum issued under the relevant production licence Model Clause.

#### **3 Prevention of pollution**

The holder of the screening direction must ensure that appropriate measures are taken to minimise discharges, emissions and waste, in particular through the appropriate use of technology; and to ensure that necessary measures are taken to prevent incidents affecting the environment or, where they occur, to limit their consequences in relation to the environment.

#### **4 Inspections**

Should the Department consider it necessary or expedient for an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to investigate whether the conditions of the screening direction are being complied with, the holder of the screening direction shall afford the inspector with such facilities and assistance as the inspector considers necessary to exercise the powers conferred by the regulations. The holder of the screening direction shall additionally ensure that copies (electronic or paper) of the screening direction and any other relevant documents are available for inspection by the inspector at:

- a) the premises of the holder of the screening direction; and
- b) the facilities undertaking the project covered by the screening direction.

#### **5 Check monitoring**

Should the Department consider it necessary or expedient to undertake an independent monitoring programme to assess the impact of the project covered by the screening direction, the screening direction holder shall afford the Department

with such facilities and assistance as the Department considers necessary to undertake the work.

## **6 Atmospheric emissions returns**

Following completion of the project covered by the screening direction, the holder of the screening direction shall report all relevant atmospheric emissions, such as combustion emissions, using the appropriate Environmental Emissions Monitoring System (EEMS) reporting forms.

## **7 Unauthorised deposits**

Following completion of the project covered by the screening direction, the holder of the screening direction shall recover any materials accidentally or temporarily deposited on the seabed, such as debris, temporary containers, structures or deposits, or scientific instruments, and shall return the materials to land. If it is not possible to recover any of these deposits, full details of the materials remaining on the seabed must be reported to the Department in accordance with the requirements of Petroleum Operations Notice No.2 (PON2).

## **8 Screening direction variation**

In the event that the holder of the screening direction proposes changes to any of the particulars detailed in the application for a screening direction, the holder must notify the Department immediately and submit an application for a post screening direction amendment. The post screening direction must be in place prior to the amended proposals taking effect.

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## COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION FOR SCREENING DIRECTION

### Section 1

The attention of screening direction holders is drawn to the following provisions regarding The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2020.

1) You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the project covered by the screening direction. The issue of a screening direction does not absolve the screening direction holder from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc that may be required under any other legislation.

2) The Department would draw your attention to the following comments:

The Department has got no comments.

3) All communications relating to the screening direction should be addressed to:

[opred@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:opred@energysecurity.gov.uk)

or

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## **SCHEDULE OF SCREENING DIRECTION DECISION REASONS**

### **1) Decision reasons**

The following provides a summary of the assessment undertaken to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required for this project, summarises the information considered, the potential impacts and sets out the main reasons for the decision made. In considering whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required or not, the following have been taken into account:

- a) the information provided by the developer;
- b) the matters listed in Schedule 5 of The Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Unloading and Storage (Environmental Impact Regulations 2020) (the Regulations);
- c) the results of any preliminary verifications or assessments of the effects on the environment of the project; and
- d) any conditions that the Secretary of State may attach to the agreement to the grant of consent.

### **Characteristics of the project**

Having regard, in particular, to the matters identified at paragraphs 1(a) to (g) of Schedule 5 to the Regulations, the characteristics of the project include the following:-

#### **Summary of the project (PR/2613/0)**

Production from Mungo field including 5 infield side-track wells.  
Wells drilled under separate DRA's (subject to separate approvals)

The requested increase in rate of production does not result in an increase in total recovered hydrocarbons presented within the approved Field Development Plan (FDP) for the Mungo Field.

### **Description of the project**

This project consists of production at the Mungo Field from up to 5 side-track infill wells which are drilled to sustain production from the field. The total increase in oil production of less than 500 tonnes per day and gas production of less than 500,000 cubic meters per day when compared to the 2025 baseline figures. This meets the definition of "project" under the Offshore EIA regulations (2020). The existing



production consent includes production from the Mungo field is valid until the end of 2025. The new production consent (PCON/8421/0) covers production during 2026 - 2028. Within the screening direction the operator has assessed production from the Mungo wells until 2034 and have concluded that base case forecast and Infill forecast both remain within the existing approved consent figures.

The drilling activities are covered by a separate consent.

No cumulative impacts are expected to occur with any other existing or approved projects currently, from the project.

There is no change to the assessment of a major accident. The Developer has control measures in place to reduce the risk of a major accident occurring and the probability of such an event occurring is very low.

It is not considered to be likely that the project will be affected by natural disasters.

Other than the matters considered further below, there is not likely to be any significant impact of the project on population and human health.

### **Location of the project**

Having regard, in particular, to the matters identified at paragraphs 2(a) to (c) of Schedule 5 to the Regulations, the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected by the project has been considered as follows:-

The Mungo field is located approximately 226 km from the Scottish coastline and 14 km west of the UK/ Norwegian median line in UKCS block 22/20. Water depth at the field is 88 metres. The Mungo field is supported by the Mungo Normally Unmanned Installation. The field is produced through the Eastern Trough Area Project (ETAP).

Winds predominate from a south-west and north-north-east direction averaging 6-11 m/s with a higher probability of gales greater than 17 m/during the winter months. The mean wave height in the area ranges from 2.11 -2.40m. The central North Sea (CNS) has weak semi-diurnal tidal current of 0.4m/s with local current of 0.1 m/s with a north north-easterly movement.

The predominant sediments within the area are sand, with patches of sandy mud to the south of the Block. Surveys at the location have shown that sediments across the Mungo field comprised fine to very fine, poorly sorted sand with a low spatial variability in mean diameter and the proportion of sand (83.2%) and fine (16.5%) material, indicating that the sediment within the survey area is homogeneous.

The benthic community associated with these sediments are dominated by polychaete worms and bivalve molluscs, confirmed by survey along with burrowing sea urchins and brittle stars in the wider area. Epifauna include sea pen, anemones, and starfish. Ocean quahog shells were observed on the sediment surface during a survey although no live species were found.



Seabird oil sensitivity in the vicinity of the Mungo field is low throughout the year with no data recorded for April and November.

Atlantic white-sided dolphin, Bottlenose dolphin, Risso's dolphin, Minke whale, White-beaked dolphin and Harbour porpoise have all been recorded in the vicinity of the Mungo area. Densities of the species are categorised as low to high with highest densities recorded in July and August.

The nearest Nature Conservation Marine Protected Area (NCMPA) is the East of Gannet and Montrose field MPA which is located 27km away from the Mungo field. . The majority of the seabed within the NCMPA is dominated by sand and gravel, which is the preferred habitat of ocean quahog. The NCMPA also includes a band of offshore deep-sea mud which provides important habitat for many species of worms and molluscs which in turn, provide an important food source for fish.

Mungo Field lies within ICES rectangle 43F1 which includes a spawning area of Cod, Lemon Sole, Mackerel, Nephrops, Norway pout and Sandeels and in Nursery grounds of Anglerfish, Blue whiting, Cod, European hake, Haddock, Herring, Lemon sole, Ling, Mackerel, Nephrops, Norway pout, Plaice, Sandeels, Spurdog and Whiting. The main targeted fishing during 2023 in this area was pelagic species, while shellfish were landed at a higher value. The increase of production will not result in any impact to fishing activities.

Mungo is located within an area of maturely developed oil and gas infrastructure and there are numerous offset wells, pipelines and platforms in the region. The nearest installations include ETAP, Lomond NUI and Arbroath located approximately 22km, 14km and 37km from the Mungo Field. Mungo is within an area of low vessel traffic, the majority of traffic associated with offshore support vessels at the numerous installations.

Block 22/20 is not in a designated area of Ministry of Defence, and there are no military practice or exercise areas in the vicinity of the well. The nearest submarine cable is the TAMPNET CNS Fibre Optic Cable, located at least 9km away.

Given the location of the project, the areas identified at paragraphs 2(c)(i), (iii), (iv), (vi), (vii) and (viii) of Schedule 5 are not likely to be affected by the project.

### **Type and characteristics of the potential impact**

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 5 to the Regulations, the likely significant effects of the project on the environment have been considered. Potential effects on the environment from the activities associated with the project were assessed, including impacts arising from atmospheric emissions, seabed disturbance, physical presence, planned discharges and accidental spills. Other than the matters considered further below, there is not likely to be any significant impact of the project on population and human health.

The proposed oil and gas production from up to 5 infill side-track wells (drilling subject to separate approvals) to sustain production from the field (PCON/8421). Total cumulative production from the field above the base forecast but still remains below the high case production forecast outlined in the Mungo Field FDP.

There will be no changes to discharges from the ETAP because of the infill wells. Furthermore, although the infill wells will result in more hydrocarbons being processed through the ETAP facilities, the increase is brought about by maintaining continuous production from the Mungo Field. The Infill wells do not result in a significant increase in the rate of production or place additional demands on the existing processing facilities such as processing, compression, fuel usage, flaring or venting. Therefore, there is not anticipated to be any notable effects of the atmospheric emissions.

No increase in produced water discharge volumes and discharged oil is expected and there are no requirements for an increase in chemicals due to the increase in production.

The probability of an accidental event leading to a release from the platform or a loss of the inventory will not increase as a result of the revised production.

There are no expected transboundary impacts as a result of the project and no cumulative impacts have been identified given the other known existing and approved projects in the wider area.

It is considered that the production from Mungo NUI for the sidetrack infill wells is not likely to have a significant impact on other offshore activities or other users of the sea, the seabed, marine life or cetacean species and no cumulative impacts are expected to occur. The development is in line with the policies of the Scottish Marine Plan.

## **Decision**

Taking the above considerations into account, the Secretary of State has concluded that the project is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment and that an environmental impact assessment is not required.

## **2) Mitigation of significant effects**

The following are features of the project or measures envisaged that the developer has proposed to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment:

N/A