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Dear Sir / Madam

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

GANNET F production increase as a result of GF05.

A screening direction for the project detailed in your application, reference PR/2664/0 (Version 2), dated 18th August 2026 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.

Yours faithfully



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

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PR/2664/0 (Version 2)

Whereas ADURA OPERATIONS LIMITED has made an application dated 18th August 2026, 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/8718.

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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 1 January 2027.

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

opred@energysecurity.gov.uk

or

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SCHEDULE OF SCREENING DIRECTION DECISION REASONS

The Secretary of State has decided that, based on the information provided, the project is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The main reasons for this decision are:

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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

Increase in oil and gas production from the Gannet F field as a consequence of drilling the GF05 well due to come online in 2027.

Description of the project

The Gannet development comprises one fixed drilling and production platform for the Gannet A, B, C, D, F and G mature producing fields, located in Blocks 21/25, 21/30, 22/21 and 22/26a in the central North Sea (CNS). Gannet A located over the Gannet A field is the host platform for the Gannet B, C, D, F and G subsea satellite tiebacks.

Processed oil is exported to the Ekofisk to Teeside Norpipe, via the Judy Y tie in. Gas is exported through an infield pipeline into the Fulmar gas pipeline to St Fergus. Produced water will be treated and discharged overboard. This project consists of an increase in oil production of less than 500 tonnes per day and gas production of less than 500,000 cubic meters per day at the Gannet F field due to the drilling of GF05 due to be commissioned and brought online in 2027. This meets the definition of "project" under the Offshore EIA regulations (2020). The production consent PCON/8718 is sought to 31 December 2031.

Location of the project

The Gannet fields lie within the Central North Sea (CNS) approximately 170 km east of Scotland, 77 km from the UK/Norwegian median line, in an area where water depth is approximately 95 m. Semi-diurnal tidal currents are relatively weak in the offshore CNS, with maximum velocity approximately 0.4 m/s. The project location is within the East of Gannet and Montrose Fields Nature Conservation MPA. The area has been designated for the protection of *A.islandica* including sandy and muddy sediments as their supporting habitat. There are no other MPA's within 40km. Site-specific surveys identified the seabed as relatively homogeneous with the dominant sediment throughout the site as fine sand. The epifauna present during survey was sparse, as is typical of soft sediment habitats. Sea pens were the only sessile epifauna regularly seen in the region. Lack of hard substrate inhibited colonisations by rock attached species in the region. There is fish spawning and nursery activity in the vicinity of the Gannet platform, the spawning and nursery areas are part of larger offshore areas and these species spawn pelagically over extensive areas in the North Sea and around the UK. Sightings of cetaceans are most common between the months of May and August. minke whale and white-beaked dolphin occur in low densities while fin whales may occur at very low densities. Harbour porpoise occur more frequently. Seals are not expected to be seen at the remote location. Seabirds are most common in the area during the late summer months of August and September seabird sensitivity is low throughout the year. The project area is located within an area where dredge and beam trawling are prohibited. Live weight of fish and shellfish taken from the area is between 0.01 and 0.02% of the UK total fishing effort and is therefore considered very low. Shipping intensity at the project location ranges low to high with the high intensity related to vessels that serve the platform. The surrounding area comprises other oil and gas infrastructure within 20 km, but is not within a military activity zone, with no telecommunications cables, marine aggregate sites or renewable energy locations in proximity. There are five wrecks in the vicinity of the project location.

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, 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 increase in oil and gas at the Gannet F field will result from drilling the GF05 well.

The proposed new production levels for Gannet F will be accommodated within the existing design of the host facility and are not expected to increase discharges/emissions of the host facility when compared to 2026 levels. No modifications are required. There are no additional power requirements as a result of the increase in production. It is anticipated that flaring or venting will remain within current consented levels. The developer considered the need for an assessment of scope 3 emissions in line with OPRED's scope 3 emissions guidance and concluded that no scope 3 emissions assessment was required because there is no increase to the total amount of hydrocarbons expected to be produced over the field life as a result of this change to production as the previously assessed figures were above what had been previously assessed for the field life. The requested increase to production is not expected to result in an increase in the total quantity of oil and gas to be extracted over the lifetime of the Gannet fields.

The requested production increases are expected to have a minimal impact on the water production rate and is within the produced water processing design capacity. The increase is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts from the use and or discharge of chemicals. The increase in production is not expected to significantly increase oil in water discharges.

The probability of an accidental event leading to a release from the installation 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. The proposals are in line with the policies of the Scottish National Marine/0v2 Plan.

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:

Not applicable