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Dear [REDACTED]

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

**NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 14(5) – NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION TO
AGREE TO THE GRANT OF CONSENT**

Jackdaw Field Development

An Environmental Statement (ES) for the above project was submitted on 6 May 2021 to 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”). Further information was subsequently provided. Following assessment, including review of the ES, further information and representations received, a decision was taken on 28 September 2021 not to agree to the grant of consent. A revised ES was submitted on 22 February 2022 (which updated the ES of May 2021 and consolidated the information previously submitted), and further information was requested and subsequently provided. The Secretary of State agreed to the grant of consent on 27 May 2022, and the Oil and Gas Authority granted consent on 1 June 2022.

In January 2025 the consent and agreement to the grant of consent were reduced (quashed) by the Court of Session, with the effect suspended until a further decision in relation to consent was made.

OPRED requested further information including a scope 3 emissions assessment and updated whole-project assessment on 21 July 2025 and sought further information on 22 September 2025. OPRED issued a further information request on 27 March 2026. Information was provided in response, and public notice periods were held.

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The Secretary of State has considered all relevant information in relation to the project. In accordance with regulation 14(5), we hereby notify you that the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent for the project.

As set out in the decision, the Secretary of State has attached the following conditions to the agreement to the grant of consent:

- The export gas specification must be managed over the field life via operation of the amine unit to minimise as far as reasonably possible the mass of CO₂ vented offshore;
- The CO₂ extracted from the produced gas must be routed to a dedicated vented emission point to minimise as far as reasonably possible emissions from the flare;
- A meter must remain fitted to the amine unit vented emission point and that meter must meet a standard that is consistent with recognised UK industry standards and is designed, installed, operated and maintained to ensure a consistent level of uncertainty in all operational scenarios.
- The wells relating to other fields that may be produced via the Shearwater installation during the Jackdaw period of production must be phased so as to minimise as far as reasonably possible the cumulative mass of CO₂ vented from Shearwater over the Jackdaw field life.

A copy of the decision, which sets out the conclusion on any significant effects of the project on the environment, the conditions attached to the agreement to grant consent, and a description of any features of the project or measures envisaged to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment has been provided with this letter to Adura.

The Oil and Gas Authority has been notified of the decision to agree to the grant of consent.

Judicial Review

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may apply to the Court for leave / permission to apply for judicial review of the relevant decision or decisions. The United Kingdom has three separate legal systems; one each for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rules for any application for leave / permission to apply for judicial review may vary depending on where that application is made, but it is important to note that there are time limits for making any application and judicial review may only be available if the applicant has standing / a sufficient interest in the subject matter of the application. Further information about the process for seeking judicial review can be obtained from the Administrative Court (for England and Wales), the Court of Session (for Scotland) or the Judicial Review Office (Northern Ireland).

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero