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

#### **Jackdaw Field Development**

BG International Limited (an affiliate of Shell U.K. Limited) has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority ("the OGA") in relation to the above project.

#### **Summary of Project**

Jackdaw ultra-high pressure / high temperature gas condensate field is located 250 km east of Aberdeen, Scotland and adjacent to the UK/Norway median line. The project involves drilling four wells, installation of a new wellhead platform and a new 31 km pipeline to the existing Shearwater host platform where the fluids will be processed before onward export via the Fulmar Gas Line and the Forties Pipeline System. Drilling, installation and commissioning will take place between 2022-2024.

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process**

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure and regulation 13 applies as the project could have a significant effect on the environment of Norway.

The OGA is responsible for deciding whether or not to grant consent for the project, but agreement to the grant of consent must be obtained from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("the Secretary of State") prior to consent being granted. The Secretary of State's decision on whether to agree to the grant of consent is based on the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The range of possible decisions in response to the application of consent is:

- (a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed;
- (b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or
- (c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, conditions that BG International Limited must comply with may be attached to the agreement, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measures to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and OGA decisions for the project will be published at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia</a> where information on the Secretary of State's decision to agree to or refuse to agree to the grant of consent will also be made available.

## **Access to Further Information**

Copies of this notice, the summary of the project and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia">www.shell.co.uk/sustainability/reporting</a> and at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia</a> . Access shall remain at least three months after the date on which the Secretary of State publishes the notice under Regulation 16(1) (publication of consent decisions).

A copy of the Environmental Statement and summary of the project may also be obtained by post or email. Requests should be made to Jackdaw Project, Shell U.K. Limited, 1 Altens Farm Road, Nigg, Aberdeen, AB12 3FY, by email to HSE-Learning@shell.com or by telephone 01224-882000 by 09/06/2021.

#### **Public Consultation**

Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by 09/06/2021. All representations should quote reference number D/4260/2021 and may be made by letter or by email to:

Business Support Team
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
AB1 Building
Crimon Place
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### **Judicial Review**

A person aggrieved by the grant of consent for a project may use the procedure to apply for judicial review regarding the decisions made in respect of this project. A court may allow proceedings to challenge a decision made in respect of the Regulations.