

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Tolmount East Project

Premier Oil UK Limited (a Harbour Energy company) has made an application for consent to the Oil and Gas Authority (“the OGA”) in relation to the above project.

Summary of Project

Tolmount East is located in Block 42/28d of the southern North Sea. The subject of the environmental statement comprises a single well development, installation of subsea infrastructure, and a 4 kilometre, 12-inch pipeline tied back to the Tolmount minimum facilities platform. Installation activity is expected to take 11 months, with a 22-year operational life.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Consent Process

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, the project is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure.

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 Premier Oil UK 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 measure to monitor such conditions.

Notice of the decisions of the Secretary of State and OGA decisions for the project will be published at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eiaregulations#environmental-impact-assessments-eia> 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 www.harbourenergy.com and at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-2020-eia-regulations#environmental-impactassessments-eia>. 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 by **5 June 2021** to:

Harbour Energy plc
Upper Denburn House
Prime Four Business Park
Kingswells
Aberdeen, AB15 8PU
Contact: Stuart Kirk

By email: skirk@premier-oil.com
Or by telephone: +44 (0) 1224 278156

Public Consultation

Representations, comments or questions relating to the project may be made to the Secretary of State by the consultation closing date of **5 June 2021**. All representations should quote reference number D/4265/2021 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
Aberdeen, AB10 1BJ
Email: BST@beis.gov.uk

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.

Date: 6 May 2021