

Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999 (as amended)

Columbus Field Development

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has been informed that Serica Energy (UK) Limited has submitted a letter of application to the Oil and Gas Authority in relation to the above Columbus Field Development project located 143 miles from the Scottish coastline, at 57° 20' 58.728" N; 2° 05' 11.906" W (ED50 UTM Zone 31N). In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations, this letter of application is supported by an Environmental Statement, copies of which may be inspected between 10 am and 4 pm on business days at Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GW until close of business on 20/07/2018. Copies of the Environmental Statement may also be obtained from Serica Energy plc, 52 George Street, London, W1U 7EA (subject to a discretionary charge of £2) or may be accessed via the internet at <http://www.serica-energy.com/development>.

As it appears to the Secretary of State that the carrying out of this project could have a significant effect on the environment of another EEA State, the Secretary of State would also intend to provide the relevant State with a description of the project together with available information regarding the possible transboundary impact of the project and the nature of the Environmental Statement decision process, so that the relevant State can decide whether it would wish to participate in that process.

Interested parties have until the date specified above to make representations in relation to the submission to the Secretary of State. All representations should quote the Department's reference number (D/4221/2018) and may be made by letter or e-mail to:

Environmental Management Team
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning
AB1 Building
Crimon Place
Aberdeen, AB10 1BJ
Email: EMT@beis.gov.uk

Copies of representations may be made publicly available. Following receipt of all representations the Secretary of State will either agree to the grant or refusal of the consent (with or without conditions). Notice of the Secretary of State's decision will then be published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes, and on the GOV.UK website.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of the Secretary of State's decision to agree to the grant of consent, an approval as referred to in regulation 11 or the imposition of a relevant requirement in respect of the project as referred to in regulation 11, any person aggrieved by the decision may apply to the Court. The Court may grant an order quashing the grant of consent, the approval or the imposition of the requirement where it is satisfied the action was done in contravention of the requirement to consider the Environmental Statement, any other relevant information

or any representations received from relevant authorities or other interested parties. The court may also grant such an order where the interests of the aggrieved person have been prejudiced by a failure to comply with any other requirement of the Regulations. Pending determination of the application by an aggrieved person, the court may by interim order, stay the operation of the consent, the approval or the requirement.