Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipelines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 1999 (as amended by The Energy Act 2008 (Consequential Modifications) (Offshore Environmental Protection) Order 2010)

Utgard Development

Utgard Field

Statoil Petroleum AS has applied to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change for consent to develop the Utgard Field located 140 miles northeast of the Aberdeenshire coast (latitude and longitude 58° 22' 05.1"N, 01° 33' 01.2"E). The development proposal includes drilling of 20 ropossibly 3 wells, installation of a sub-sea template and pipeline, and modification of existing surface facilities at the Sleipner field. Utgard is a cross-border field, but all development activities and infrastructure would be located on the Norwegian sector. Construction activities would commence in 2018 and production in 2019.

In accordance with the above-mentioned Regulations (as amended), this application is accompanied by a PON16 and an Environmental Statement, copies of which may be inspected between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days at Statoil House, Prime Four Business Park, Kingswells, Aberdeen, AB15 8QG until close of business on 10 June 2016. Copies of the Environmental Statement may be requested at that address or may be viewed on the company web site (www.statoil.com). Further information may be obtained from Rikka Kibsgaard-Vatn (email address rki@statoil.com).

Members of the public have until 10 June 2016 to make representations in relation to the application to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. All correspondence should refer to D/4188/2016. Representations may be made by email, letter or fax and should be marked for the attention of:

EIA Co-ordinator
Environmental Management Team
Oil&Gas Environment and Decommissioning (OGED)
Department of Energy and Climate Change
AB1 Building, Wing C, 2nd Floor / 3rd Floor
48 Huntly Street
Aberdeen AB10 1SH
Email: EMT@decc.gsi.gov.uk

Copies of representations received may be made publicly available. Following receipt of all views and representations the Secretary of State will either grant or refuse consent for the proposal (with or without conditions). Notice of the Secretary of State's decision will be published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes, and on the Department of Energy and Climate Change, Oil and Gas website.

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Within six weeks from the date of publication of the details of the consent or approval, any person aggrieved by the decision may apply to the Court. The Court may grant an order quashing the approval or the granting of consent, where it is satisfied the granting of the approval/consent was done in contravention of the requirement to consider the Environmental Statement, any relevant information and any representations received from environmental authorities or other interested parties. The court may also grant such an order where the interests of the aggreeved person have been prejudiced by a failure to comply with any other requirement of the Regulations. Pending determination of the application by an aggreeved person, the court may by interim order, stay the operation of the consent/approval.