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FILE NOTE

NOTE CONCERNING “DEEMED” APPOINTMENTS FOR ADDITION TO WELL AND INSTALLATION OPERATOR SERVICE (‘WIOS’) SYSTEM OF RECORD (‘SoR’)

1. The WIOS SoR contains well and installation operator appointments and should include documentary evidence that confirms how these appointments came into effect.
2. On 2 June 2015 the Department of Energy & Climate Change (‘**DECC**’) issued a letter (the ‘**Letter**’) to Licensees that referred to the Offshore Petroleum Licensing (Offshore Safety Directive) Regulations 2015 (the ‘**OSD Regulations**’) that were due to come into effect on 19 July 2015. The Letter set out that DECC (then the Licensing Authority) and the Health and Safety Executive (‘**HSE**’) intended to automatically designate existing licence operators as the appointed installation operators or well operators, as from 19 July 2015, unless the Licensees advised otherwise by formal notice. These appointments of operators by the Licensing Authority under regulation 6 of the OSD Regulations came to be known as “deemed” appointments.
3. With this baseline established, for new licences issued after 19 July 2015, or any proposed new well and / or installation operator appointment after that date, licensees were required to submit a formal notice or nomination of a proposed appointment or appointments to the Oil and Gas Authority (‘**OGA**’), and subsequently the NSTA, under regulation 5 of the OSD Regulations.
4. Therefore this note has been added as documentary evidence to all WIOS records which NSTA has considered as having had a “deemed” well or installation operator appointment, in effect from 19 Jul 2015 up and until any subsequent change to the appointment under the OSD Regulations.

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