



# **The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd.**

## **STANDARDIZATION OF COFFERDAM FOR THE DIFFERENT OPERATING/GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS**

### **BUSINESS CASE & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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## 1.0 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Excavation of existing ground level for pipeline repairs, land remediation and construction activities to a depth greater than 1.2m is hazardous construction operation. There are currently no structural **design** for the cofferdam protective system) deployed to protect employees from cave-ins.

Current practice typically involves installation of a generic prefabricated cofferdams without consideration for the peculiarities at the site which leads to trial and re-work when working challenging environment and exposes employees to risk of possible cave-ins.

In some cases, cofferdam installation takes a long-time during pipeline repairs (with >1 week in manhours on locations with very weak soil) due to re-work or re-installation to enable the structure to function as required.

## 2.0 BUSINESS CASE

Standardizing the cofferdam design for the different operating/geological conditions will improve the safety and speed of execution for pipeline repair and construction works in SPDC.

## 3.0 OPPORTUNITY

Pipeline and land remediation activities occur at different locations in SPDC. However, the locations will be grouped and categorized in-line with the most predominant terrain and soil type. These groups are considered for cofferdam standardization.

## 4.0 SCOPE

- Integrated review of the SPDC locations

- SPDC locations categorization utilizing most onerous soil data and terrain classification
- Cofferdam analysis utilizing different operating/geological conditions
- Development of design report for the selected categories
- Development of standard drawings
- Report out and closeout

## 5.0 DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Enhance & standardize cofferdam installations days to 3days across board by ensuring fit for purpose structures are deployed.
- Improve operational safety.

## 6.0 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

| S/N | Activity  | Timeline                        |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1   | Ideation & feasibility review                             | 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023    |
| 2   | Location categorization and geotechnical data correlation | 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 |
| 3   | Cofferdam analysis  | 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 |
| 4   | Develop design report                                     | 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2023   |
| 5   | Develop design drawing                                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2023   |
| 6   | Report Out  | 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023   |

## 7.0 TEAM

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