

***THE OFFSHORE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION AND PIPE-LINES
(ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1999
(THE EIA REGULATIONS)***

**PETROLEUM OPERATIONS NOTICE 16
SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT
IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONSENT OF
A PROJECT**

DATA ON THIS FORM MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC

The PON16 is a form that supports the submission of Environmental Statement under the EIA Regulations detailing the Application for Consent required under the Petroleum Act 1998.

The regulator and consultees will be notified that the undertaker has submitted a completed PON16 form and an Environmental Statement. It is the responsibility of the undertaker to ensure that the Application for Consent for either for a field development, construction of a pipeline or the drilling of a well is submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Petroleum Act 1998.

Any queries regarding the PON16 form, or a specific application, should be addressed to:

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Section B1: PROJECT INFORMATION

Please specify the name of the Project name for which the Application for Consent under the Petroleum Act 1998 is being made.

Name: **South Uist Exploration Well**

Name of Environmental Statement Submitted (if different from Project Name)

Name: **As above**

Please indicate the Nature of the application you are making with this form:

- (i) **Drilling of Wells ✓**
- (ii) Getting of Petroleum
- (iii) Construction of a Pipeline

Please indicate the Main Elements of the Activities that are the subject of this Application:

- (i) Field Development with Installations, Wells and Export Pipelines

- (ii) Field Development with Installations and Wells
- (iii) Field Development – Incremental Project
- (iv) Field Re-development
- (v) Pipeline(s) (including repair and replacement)
- (vi) **Exploration Well(s) ✓**
- (vii) Other (Please state)

Section B2: PROJECT LOCATION

Main Project Location

Quad: **214**

Block Number: **21**

Block Suffix: **a**

Project location Latitude: **61° 16' 4.17"N** Longitude: **02° 59' 47.01"W**
 (Please include N and W / E designations)

Distance to nearest UK coastline: **96** km Which coast? **Scotland**

Distance to nearest transboundary line: **42** km Which line? **UK/Faroes**

Pipe-line	Quadrant	Block No	Country	Facility	Latitude	Longitude
Start						
End						

Short Description of Project

South Uist Exploration Well

The development involves the drilling of a single exploration well using Water Based Mud. No well test will be conducted and the well will be logged, plugged and abandoned. There is an 18% chance of encountering hydrocarbons, which will most likely be either gas or gas condensate.

The well will be drilled from the dynamically positioning (DP) semi-submersible rig the *Leiv Eiriksson* and is due to spud mid-November 2007. The well will be vertical and the operation should last no longer than 60 days. The project scope includes Well Engineering Activities: The drilling of one exploration well in Block 214/21a in the north-east Atlantic.

Licence Number Under Which the Activity(ies) will be Undertaken: **P799**

Licence Awarded in Round (if appropriate): **13th Round**

Licensees and Percentage of Equity Held:

Shell U.K. Limited 58.5%

ConocoPhillips 25%

Nippon Oil Exploration and Production U.K. Limited 10%

OMV UK Ltd 6.5%

Section B3: INCREMENTAL PROJECTS

If an 'Incremental Project', please provide the Name of the original project.

Name:

Has this project been the subject
of a previous Environmental Statement?

Yes/ No

Date of Submission to DTI of Any Earlier
Statement Related to this project

Reference Number of Earlier Statement

Section B4: HOST INSTALLATION

Host Installation Name

Associated Field Name(s)

Has this Project been the Subject of an
Environmental Statement (ES)

No

Date of Submission to DTI of Any Earlier
ES Related to the host installation.

Reference Number of Any Earlier ES
Related to this installation.

Section C: PROJECT DATES AND IMPACTS

Anticipated Duration of works: **60 days**

From: **Mid-November 2007**

To: **February 2007**

Significant Environmental Impacts Identified

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