

Notice to Mariners 21092015

Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project



21st September 2015

Dropped Drill Pipe and Casing Update

Recovery Operations are now planned for Week Commencing 5th October 2015.

The vessel Blue Beta whilst conducting geotechnical investigations on the Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project at borehole location 6 dropped a 55 metre section of 8 inch drill casing along with an 18 metre section of 8inch drill pipe (Dropped on the 6th August 2015). The water depth at this location is approximately 40 metres.

A recent side scan survey (August 13th 2015) has identified that the dropped items are located within the close vicinity of the BH6 position provided in the Table below; a 2.3metre section of drill casing is protruding vertically from the seabed in the borehole position (BH6)

Local fishing vessels are advised to continue to remain clear of the area marked on the chart below and remain at least 500 metres away from the location of the borehole (Latitude 55° 08.870N Longitude 001° 24.794W) until further advised. The Corner Flags marking the area are in place (Black Single Flag with 5 Gallon Yellow Drum) in the 4 positions shown in the table below.

Geotechnical Borehole Number	Latitude	Longitude	Actions for Mariners
BH6	55° 08.870N	001° 24.794W	All vessels to remain 500m away from this location
NW Corner Flag	55°.09.125N	001° 25.229W	Fishing vessels are advised not to deploy any gear or undertake fishing activity within the boundary of these positions.
NE Corner Flag	55°.09.125N	001° 24.342W	
SE Corner Flag	55°.08.620N	001° 24.342W	
SW Corner Flag	55°.08.620N	001° 25.229W	

.A local Fishing Industry Representative John Armstrong, will be providing fisheries liaison support to the project through Specialist Marine Consultants Ltd. John can be contacted on Mobile: 07952 135706.

In addition to this Simon Prince is the appointed Fisheries Liaison Coordinator and can be contacted as follows:

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Further updates will be provided in due course in relation to the planned recovery operations which are due to commence w/c 5th October 2015.

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Figure 1: Borehole 6 Location and Requested Exclusion Area

