

# Notice to Mariners 19082015

## Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project



19<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### Important Notice to All Mariners

#### Dropped Drill Pipe and Casing Update Geotechnical Works Completed

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

A recent side scan survey (August 13<sup>th</sup> 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	

Plans are being prepared to remove the dropped objects and it is envisaged that these should, be removed within the next 10-14 days.

The Blue Beta has now completed all geotechnical investigations. Fishermen can return gear to previously requested areas excluding BH6 location as identified above due to dropped object.

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.**

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Figure 1: Borehole 6 Location and Requested Exclusion Area

