

Notice to Mariners 06082015

Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project



6th August 2015

Important Notice to All Mariners

Dropped Drill Pipe and Casing

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. The water depth at this location is approximately 40 metres. Measures are being taken to survey and then retrieve the lost equipment as soon as possible.

Local fishing vessels are advised 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 to be avoided will be in place from August 7th (pm) and will be marked by 4 fishing markers (Black Single Flag with 5 Gallon Yellow Drums) 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	

If any operators wish to raise any concerns or questions regarding this NTM you are requested to provide your details to our Fisheries Liaison Coordinator Simon Prince (Specialist Marine Consultants Ltd) who can advise on the immediate situation in more detail and your concerns/questions.

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:

Simon Prince – Fisheries Liaison Co-ordinator

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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

