Notice to Fishermen No 2 / 2015 Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Project



13th April 2015

Important Notice to All Fishermen

Further to the Notice to Fishermen No 1 issued on the 2nd April, EDF-ER wishes to notify fishermen that the Geotechnical Work Scope Phase 1 planned to commence on the 15th April has been delayed by approximately 7 days.

An outline of the geotechnical investigation area is shown on **Figure 1** and will comprise CPT, Vibrocore and Drilling within the boundaries of the 9 Orange Circles marked on the chart as 'Proposed Drilling Areas', each drilling area has a diameter of 1000 metres. The geotechnical works will be undertaken by two vessels as indicated with the NTM issued on the 2nd April 2015.

Works Scope 1

The first work scope will be undertaken by the vessel Blue Alfa which will conduct works lasting approximately 1-2 days commencing (subject to delays/weather) on drilling locations 1, 2, 3,4 and 9 (Figure 1) on approximately the 21st April.

Works Scope 2

The second work scope will be undertaken by the Blue Beta on drilling locations 5,6,7,8 and 9 (Figure 1). This will occur on or around 30th April and is expected to last for 7 days (subject to delays/weather).

EDF-ER are requesting if these proposed drilling areas can be kept clear of fishing obstructions for the works programme which is expected to be completed within 4 weeks from 16th April but subject to project and weather delays. If any operators wish to raise any concerns or questions regarding this survey you are requested to provide your details to our Fisheries Liaison Coordinator Simon Prince (Specialist Marine Consultants Ltd) who can advise on the survey 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 Specialist Marine Consultants Ltd +44 (0) 7920 273866

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Further updates will be provided as required and if project timescales change.

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Figure 1: Proposed Geotechnical Investigation Works

