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Dear Ms Rasmussen,

**THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING
AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS
2020**

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 13(2)

Fotla Field Development Project

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (“OPRED”) acts on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”), a Minister in the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Application for Consent for Project

An Environmental Statement for the above project has been submitted by Ithaca Oil and Gas Limited to OPRED, in support of their application for consent for the project that has been submitted to the UK’s Oil and Gas Authority (“OGA”). The OGA now operates under the business name of the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA). OPRED’s reference number for the submission is ES/2024/018 and we would be grateful if you could quote this number in all future correspondence relating to this matter.

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 9th March 2026, notifying the Secretary of State that Denmark would like to participate in the decision-making process regarding the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether or not to agree to the grant of consent for the above project.



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We therefore refer you to the webpage [Fotla Field Development - GOV.UK](#) where you can access a copy of:

- The 'summary of the project' and non-technical summary of the Environmental Statement for your consideration.
- The Environmental Statement
- The notice published under regulation 11(3)(c) of the above Regulations.

Should the Secretary of State receive any further information which the Secretary of State considers ought to be made public under regulation 12(3) of the Regulations, this will also be shared.

Participating in the Decision-Making Process

You may wish to make representations regarding the project including possible transboundary impacts of the project. Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions (as assessed in the Environmental Statement), are considered to have a global effect and therefore not to have transboundary effects. We understand you may wish to consult your public or authorities on the project and the possible transboundary impacts of the project. We propose a 45-day period for your consultation with your public or authorities and the Secretary of State. We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this notice to OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk and confirm you are content with the period above. If so, please provide any representations to OPRED (at OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk) by 28th May 2026. In addition, please inform OPRED at the above email address within this period should you wish to raise any questions.

We seek to provide a reasonable time for participation and therefore, if you consider this period is not adequate, please inform us providing a date by which you will be able to provide any representations to the Secretary of State following your consideration of the representations you may receive. If we do not receive a response to this notice by 28th May 2026, OPRED will assume that Denmark no longer wishes to participate in the decision-making process.

Range of Possible Decisions

On behalf of the Secretary of State, OPRED must reach a conclusion on the significant effects of the project on the environment and integrate that conclusion into a decision as to whether to agree or refuse to agree to the grant of consent. The range of possible decisions in response to the application for consent are:

- (a) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, and the OGA grants consent, so the project may proceed,
- (b) the Secretary of State refuses to agree to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, so the project may not proceed; or



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- (c) the Secretary of State agrees to the OGA's grant of consent following the Secretary of State's conclusion regarding the environmental effects of the project, but the OGA does not grant consent, so the project may not proceed.

Where the Secretary of State agrees to the grant of consent, he may attach conditions to the agreement that Ithaca Oil and Gas Limited must comply with, including environmental conditions to avoid, prevent, reduce or offset any significant adverse effects on the environment, and measure to monitor such conditions.

If you have any questions relating to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dr Andrew Rawlins
Environmental Manager

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero



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SUMMARY OF PROJECT



Fotla Field
Development Project

POTENTIAL TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS

[Fotla Field Development - GOV.UK](#)