

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

## Project Summary – Regulation 11(2)

<b>Developer:</b>	NEO NEXT+ Energy Resources UK Limited
<b>Project:</b>	Montrose Infill Project
<b>Environmental Statement of:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>Reference Number:</b>	ES/2023/006
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### Proposed Location of the Project

The Developer and Operator, NEO NEXT+ Energy Resources UK Limited (hereafter referred to as NEO NEXT+), propose developing the Montrose field located within Quadrant 22, Blocks 22/17N and 22/18n, in the Central North Sea. It is located approximately 190 kilometres North-East of the Scottish coastline, Peterhead, and approximately 46 kilometres from the UK/Norway median line. The water depth at the proposed drill centre is approximately 91 metres LAT. Drilling is proposed at 5 locations all in close proximity to 57°27'30.053" N, 01°23'15.503" E. This is approximately 0.7 km north-west of the Montrose Bridge Linked Platform (BLP).

### Proposed Activities

NEO NEXT+ propose the drilling of up to five production wells from a single subsea drill centre, and installation of subsea infrastructure to support tie-back of the wells to the existing Montrose Bridge Linked Platform (BLP), including: a 8" production flowline, 3" gas lift flowline, and an Electro-Chemical-Hydraulic Control umbilical for well control between the BLP and the manifold. Further, installation of a manifold, drilling template, if used, Xmas trees and wellhead protection structures and associated spools and umbilical jumpers between each production well and the manifold. The project also requires modification to the facilities at Montrose BLP: one individual modular structure to receive the development production.

The Montrose Alpha Platform comprises two component platforms processing hydrocarbons from the following:

- The Montrose BLP: Cayley and Shaw fields, and
- Montrose Platform: Montrose and Wood fields. The Montrose platform also processes hydrocarbons from the Arbroath Platform: Arbroath, Arkwright, Brechin, Carnoustie and Godwin fields.

Processed oil and gas from both platforms export via the Forties Pipeline System (FPS) and Central Area Transmission Systems (CATS) routes respectively.

Aspects of this development were previously consented (*within the NSTA Field Development Plan Addendum (FDPA) 2012 – Talisman Energy and the associated Environmental Statement, D/4124/2011*) however the Montrose Infill development was not progressed at that time. A new Environmental Impact Assessment and revised FDPA have been developed to reflect the current NEO NEXT+ Montrose Infill proposal.

Production of the infill development at the Montrose BLP platform will be via the existing topside process comprising crude separation and stabilisation, gas compression and gas lift facility, produced water discharge and export of hydrocarbons infrastructure.

### **Proposed Timeline for Activities**

Montrose BLP topside modification is expected to commence ahead of drilling completion. Drilling is anticipated commencing Q3 2027 for approximately 1 year. Following this, installation of the subsea infrastructure is anticipated Q4 2028. Well tie-in and commissioning are also anticipated Q4 2028. First oil will occur following completion of the above anticipated Q4 2028.