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Hearing statement from Centrica regarding the potential announcement of blocks for the 24th Licensing Round on the Norwegian Continental Shelf

Referring to the letter sent to Centrica on 13.03.2017, 'Høring – forslag om blokker til utlysning i 24. konsesjonsrunde'.

Centrica is very positive to the proposed announcement of a total of 102 blocks in both the Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea.

The proposed announced blocks are assessed to be a positive, step-wise addition of acreage following the awards in the 23rd Licensing Round, enabling the industry to further mature the geological understanding of the areas.

It is deemed important to include as many blocks as possible in the final announcement in order to support an optimal regional geological assessment of the areas and secure the most appropriate exploration and potential development of all the regions.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you require any further clarification.

Best regards
Centrica



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