Conditions relating to environmental concerns and fishery interests

For blocks operating after 30th June 2006, at least 1, second paragraph shall conditions relating to the protection of the marine environment and fishery interests. When planning seismic surveys, the licensees shall, in their evaluations of the environmental and fishery interests, take into account the results of the scientific work and information available in the public domain concerning the environmental impact of petroleum activities and fishery interests in the area concerned.

When planning seismic surveys, the licensees shall take special care to avoid damage to fishery interests. Special emphasis shall be put on preventive measures against unintentional discharges.

In connection with the approval process for Plans for Development and Operation in this area, the authorities will attach special importance to proper fulfilment of this condition.

In connection with the announcement of the Barents Sea, the authorities will attach special importance to proper fulfilment of this condition.

In the time frame and the commencement of drilling of the operators shall, in the interests of the basic principles of sustainable activity, be prepared to take measures to prevent damage to fishery interests.

In accordance with the Figure 1 (2006/2007) (a) there shall, as at the time of the commencement of seismic surveys and exploration drilling, be consultations with cultural monument administration, to ensure that possible damage to cultural monuments is prevented.

When planning seismic surveys, operators shall consult the Norwegian Pollution Control Authority (Statens Forurensningstilsyn) to clarify the need for a discharge permit. In accordance with the Report to the Storting no. 25 (2002-2003) there shall as at the time of the commencement of seismic surveys and exploration drilling, be consultations with cultural monument administration, to ensure that possible damage to cultural monuments is prevented.

Part of the announced acreage is in areas with distinct environmental challenges. This applies to the blocks; 32/1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, 35/1, 2 and 3, 36/10, 6305/8, 9, 10 and 11, 6508/2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 6609/8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and 6610/7 and 10. In these areas special emphasis will be put on preventive measures against unintentional discharges.

Requirements relating to contingency plans in the event of accidental oil spills will be stipulated in accordance with the Pollution Control Act (Forurensningsloven) and the Regulations relating to this act. Particular emphasis will be put on preventive measures against unintentional discharges.

The operator shall, by means of risk analysis, cf. Regulations relating to management of the pollution problems of December 6, 2003, and the Environmental Impact Assessment Act as enacted by the Parliament on November 27, 2000, ensure that the measures taken in accordance with the above mentioned regulations and acts are adequate in the present case to prevent or mitigate pollution damage, and to ensure that all measures are being implemented in accordance with the above mentioned regulations and acts.

Part of the predefined area is in areas with distinct environmental challenges. This applies to the blocks; 32/1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, 35/1, 2 and 3, 36/10, 6305/8, 9, 10 and 11, 6508/2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 6609/8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and 6610/7 and 10. In these areas special emphasis will be put on preventive measures against unintentional discharges.

In parts of the predefined area there is, in certain periods of the year, extensive fishing for sandeels. This applies to the blocks; 2/3 and 6, 3/1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 4/1 and 2, 7/2, 3, 6 and 9, 8/7, 8 and 9, 10/2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. In case of future developments on these blocks, measures, if applicable, shall be taken to prevent damage to fishery interests.

The operator shall take care to ensure that all possible damage to fishery interests is prevented, and that all possible measures are being taken in accordance with the above mentioned regulations and acts.

Requirements relating to the protection of the marine environment and fishery interests shall be stipulated in accordance with the Pollution Control Act (Forurensningsloven) and the Regulations relating to this act.

In the time frame and the commencement of drilling, the operator shall, in the interests of the basic principles of sustainable activity, be prepared to take measures to prevent damage to fishery interests.

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As a condition for the award of a participating interest in a production licence, the applicant(s) shall give information on company related matters. The applicant(s) shall give a summary of the application. The block(s) applied for. The application shall refer to block numbers if the application is submitted by an individual applicant or by applicants applying as part of a group, include the following information, and in the following order:

- Name, address and nationality of the applicant(s), including ultimate parent company
- The extent and time schedule for relinquishment of block(s)
- The content, extent and time schedule for the work obligation
- The initial period and the duration of the initial period of the production licence; the extent, content and time schedule for the work obligation he/the group proposes to undertake to ensure rapid and efficient exploration of the acreage covered by a production licence
- The applicant's geological understanding of the geographical area in question, and how the licencee proposes to perform the application activities towards the submission of a plan for development of the area for the initial period
- A progress plan for licence activities towards submission of a plan for development and for the initial period
- The entire area, location, licence period, work obligation, and other block specific conditions will be stipulated at the time of the award
- The deadline for submission of applications is 12.00 a.m. on 20.05.2006. Applications sent by regular mail or to the Ministry after the submission deadline, will not be processed by the authorities and the applicant is to assume the full risk and responsibility for such non-availability of data.

Application

The application shall, regardless of whether the application is submitted by an individual applicant or by applicants applying as part of a group, include the following information, and in the following order:

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- by fax to 55 51 80 00, or
- by email to: koncesjonsrunder@npd.no

The Ministry reserves its right to negotiate terms with the individual applicant or the group.

A moderate expansion is undertaken of the APA-area in the North Sea and the Norwegian Sea in 2006 compared with APA 2005. In APA 2006 the industry has in total access to exploration areas for exploration and transport systems through the development of additional resources in mature parts of the Norwegian shelf.

In APA 2006 the companies will get access to large areas in APA 2005 the industry has access to several new areas to explore and work with.

In cases where information which has previously been submitted to the Ministry covers the relevant status concerning company related matters, as laid out in item g), only relevant additional information will be required in such cases, a reference to the previous document will be sufficient.

Guidelines for the preparation of an application for a production licence on the Norwegian Continental Shelf are found at the website of the Petroleum Activities Act. The guidelines are important to ensure that the necessary information is included in the application.

The fee shall be paid to the State, to the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate, current account No. 7040-000126. The fee shall be paid for the preparation of applications and not as a part of the licence fee. A receipt of the paid amount shall be attached to the application.

The availability of data is expected to be significant in the application process for both the companies and the authorities.

The above mentioned terms shall be adjusted to the specific characteristics of the block with a view to obtaining the highest value added from the relevant geographical area.

The applicant(s) shall give a description of the anticipated reserve and development solutions for the block(s) applied for.

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