

MEDIA STATEMENT

10 April 2023

Incident at Wytch Farm Oilfield

On 26 March 2023 a leak of reservoir fluids (85% produced water and 15% produced oil) was identified in one of the pipelines in the Wytch Farm field. The production was shut down immediately. There has been no further loss of containment to Poole Harbour due to the pipeline being immediately isolated and floating booms to protect the harbour being deployed within a matter of hours.

The 24/7 cleaning then the remediation operations at the release point, undertaken in close consultation with all relevant stakeholders and agencies, have since made very good progress.

A detailed investigation remains ongoing. The affected pipeline will be kept offline until the investigation is completed and thereafter until potential repair options are fully evaluated. Since day one, Perenco UK has been collaborating with the appropriate regulatory bodies, notably the Environment Agency and HSE and has made extensive checks across the rest of the Wytch Farm fields to ensure the safe reinstatement of the operations.

As announced by the Poole Harbour Commissioner, the harbour reopened for recreational and commercial activities in early April. As part of its commitment to ensuring no lasting effects to either the environment or those living and working in the area, Perenco established a claims line for anyone affected by the incident.

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About Perenco UK

Perenco UK is a leading provider of energy to the UK. It has been present in the UK Southern North Sea Basin (SNS) since 2003 and has operated Europe's largest onshore oil field at Wytch Farm since 2011. In the North Sea, Perenco UK processes almost 15% of the UK national gas production. It owns and operates the largest infrastructure on the UKCS, comprising 45 offshore platforms, 14 subsea wells, and a network of more than 2,400 km of pipelines connected to its two onshore terminals at Bacton and Dimlington where the gas is received, treated, metered and then exported into the UK National Grid. Perenco UK produces approximately 40,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, of which approximately 14,000 barrels is from Wytch Farm, in which Perenco UK holds a 95% share. Perenco UK, as part of the London based Perenco group, adheres to the highest operating standards and supports economic growth and social development wherever it works.

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