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DECOMMISSIONING & ABANDONMENT (Sponsored by Shell's Brent Decommissioning Project) Wednesday 4 November 2009

Bar Opens: 1730 Lecture Start: 1800 Supper: 1930
Hilton Treetops Hotel, Springfield Road, Aberdeen (parking is free)

Chairman: Keith Mayo, Head of Offshore Decommissioning Unit, DECC

Eamonn Sheehan, NWH Project Lead, BP

The NWH Topsides & Jacket was the single largest platform removed on the United Kingdom Continental shelf. The project was completed on schedule, within budget and there were no serious recordable injuries or incidents. This presentation and short video will summarise how this project was executed.

The Challenges of Well Abandonment - Steve Kirby, Consultant, Sasok Ltd

Current assessments of UKCS Decommissioning Liability may have significantly underestimated the challenges presented by the wells aspects. Historically the focus has been on removal of structures and subsea infrastructure, less so on wells. The latest published estimates of Decommissioning liability stand at £22 billion; wells alone could represent £5 - £15 billion. The content of the presentation will cover the following areas: Conclusions of the O&GUK UK North Sea Well Abandonment Study Nov 2008, difficulties due to the lack of well architecture records, appropriate abandonment planning and organisational considerations.

How to link Marine Salvage and Decommissioning - Mr Bert van der Velden, Manager Innovation & Business Development, SMIT Salvage

SMIT Salvage, as one of the four divisions of SMIT Internationale operates in the area of marine salvage, environmental care and wreck removal of vessels but also offshore structures. Especially the Gulf of Mexico is known for its post Hurricane salvage emergency response and recovery projects. SMIT explains how the salvage business relates to the decommissioning, heavy lift and subsea activities of the SMIT Group, how this contributes to the synergy within the divisions and the benefits for potential customers. Further technological developments in the salvage industry are presented that could be deployed in offshore decommissioning projects as well (shipsaw cutting wire system).

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