



UKOPA/05/0097

## PIPELINE USERS GROUP MEETING

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2005, 09:30**

Total E&P Plc, Crawpeel Road, Altens, Aberdeen

Host: Greg Jones (Total)

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Name	Affiliation	Present	Apologies	MIA
John Lawson	ChevronTexaco	✓		
Angela Elharti	ChevronTexaco	✓		
John Pallot	BHP Billiton		✓	
Blair McKay	BP	✓		
Maurice Thomson	Britannia		✓	
Glyn Pritchard	CNR			
Graeme Reid	CNR		✓	
Richard Davies	ConocoPhillips			✓
James Lund	ExxonMobil			
Stephen Dunn	ExxonMobil	✓		
Arthur Fletcher	Petrofac	✓		
Gary Masson	Marathon		✓	
John Henty	Petro-Canada		✓	
John Purvis	Shell		✓	
Andy Studman	Shell	✓		
Dave Flett	Talisman			✓
Greg Jones	Total E&P UK Plc	✓		
Dave Pitt	Total E&P UK Plc	✓		
Steve Sapp	Venture		✓	
Mike Wooldridge	Venture	✓		
Louise Novell	DTI	✓		
Fiona Livingston	DTI	✓		
Willie Wilson	DTI	✓		
Tim Ingram	HSE	✓		
Bob Kyle	UKOOA		✓	
Lindsay Boswell	UKOPA	✓		



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<b>Introduction</b>	<p>The meeting commenced with a brief welcome from the Chair and notification of member changes and introduction of new members. Total's Emergency Response requirements were presented by Greg Jones (Host).</p> <p><b><u>Safety Moment</u></b></p> <p>Several attendees gave examples of safety moments. These ranged from a Xmas tree being dropped off boat – considered a freak accident, a dislocated shoulder from putting on a boiler suit, to a near miss involving a trench being excavated by a contractor on behalf of a telecom company using a machine across a 70 bar gas pipeline, very close to and in clear site of a pipeline marker, but luckily the pipeline was undamaged as the trench was not deep enough.</p>
<b>UKOPA</b>	<p>Lindsay Boswell (UKOPA representative) provided a brief summary of UKOPA Minutes from previous meeting, already issued to Group prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Greg Jones raised a query regarding petroleum spirit not being considered a major accident hazard.</p> <p>John Lawson asked whether there have been any incidents. Lindsay reported that there had been several incidents in the US and Andy Studman gave details of petrol getting into a drainage system which then went through miles of drains in Mexico.</p> <p>John then asked why the risk was missed out initially. Lindsay's response was that a cut off point had to be made and that it was not considered hazardous at the start and also problems within HSE with respect to lack of technical resource support and other priorities.</p> <p>Tim Ingram (HSE) to be asked for more information/his opinion.</p>
<b>PARLOC 2001 'Lessons Learned'</b>	<p>This issue is on HOLD until 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2005.</p>
<b>SSIV Surveys</b>	<p>It was agreed at last meeting that each company would complete an SSIV survey sheet for each pipeline. At the date of this meeting only 3 companies had responded. John Lawson took this opportunity to remind the Group to complete the surveys and advised that there is no point in taking these things on and wasting discussion time if we do not have a follow up.</p> <p><b><i>Action: Remainder of Group to pass SSIV Surveys to Angela asap.</i></b></p>
<b>DTI Presentation Update</b>	<p>John Lawson's update on this issue advised that he would be meeting with Bob Kyle (UKOOA) and Tim Ingram (HSE) on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May to finalise the details of the proposed presentation and that Bob would be arranging a suitable appointment with Simon Toole (DTI).</p> <p><b><i>Action: Bob Kyle to contact Simon Toole to arrange suitable date for Presentation.</i></b></p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u></p> <p>John Lawson, Tim Ingram and Bob Kyle discussed draft presentation, slight modifications to be carried out. Bob Kyle to contact Louise Novell for further information and Tim Ingram to gather information from RIDDOR to pass to Bob. The presentation is proposed for mid-June. Bob Kyle to confirm arrangements with Simon Toole.</p>
<b>Aberdeen University Project Sponsorship</b>	<p>John Lawson approached Bob Kyle for funding towards Aberdeen University Project sponsorship, John also approached ChevronTexaco, both have agreed. John then spoke to the University again and they would rather the money was put towards the outbound team build at the start of the project rather than single out any one person or project.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u></p> <p>John Lawson and Bob Kyle discussed the above proposal from Bill Deans of the University and agreed that PLUG members should be approached for a contribution towards the sponsorship of</p>



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<b>Best Practice</b>	<p>the entire teambuild event.</p> <p>Greg Jones gave an update on the status of Best Practice – this afternoon’s meeting will consist of an update on Caissons, discuss changes to Mattress Decommissioning Study and briefly discuss Intelligent Pigging. The way forward will also be looked at as this has deviated from original route proposed.</p> <p>Arthur Fletcher (Petrofac) advised that they are now the pipeline operators for Lundin Britain, Paladin and Tulloch and are interested in joining Best Practice Group but have only just found out about it.</p> <p>Greg then informed the Group that this meeting would be the last opportunity for open attendance. The next meeting will be for members only.</p> <p>The present membership consists of 10 companies.</p> <p><b>Please Note – Operators wishing to join Best Practice should contact Jerry Baker for further information.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Future Agenda Item – How to communicate Best Practice updates for DTI &amp; HSE benefit for their information, comment/input.</b></p>
<b>BP/Boreas Mattress Study</b>	<p>Blair McKay gave background information on the status of the Mattress Decommissioning Study. Talks with the SFF, DTI, HSE and other operators have taken place, and the DTI’s view is that all mattresses should be removed, HSE do not agree with this. There is no clear cut conclusion and is difficult to close out Study as it could lead to the possibility of other studies being carried out – habitats, build fish stocks up etc. Blair would like this issue to remain a PLUG <u>and</u> Best Practice issue, rather than Best Practice specific.</p> <p>John Lawson commented that the initial version was an excellent document.</p> <p>Blair is currently looking for evidence on fishing interaction and feels that best option would be to leave mattresses in place and make safe for fishing, or bury and as a last resort, remove.</p>
<b>Intelligent Pigging</b>	<p>As Dave Flett was reported missing in action John Lawson updated the Group with the following:</p> <p>Recently Subsea UK included initiative to give subsea contractors opportunity to get closer to oil &amp; gas operators – Tom Sowerby or Dave Flett propose to do a presentation on ‘what’s to come in IP future’ – the larger IP providers seem to concentrate on USA market – JL keen to bring information to the attention of smaller suppliers.</p> <p><b>Action: John Lawson to contact Dave Flett for post meeting note/update.</b></p> <p>Andy Studman – ultrasonic tool in gas lines (NDT) – Shell looking into further. Greg Jones replied that has used NDT couple of times so if looking to go out to bid where ultrasonics make sense then recommends NDT are worth considering.</p> <p>John Lawson advised that he will be travelling round Europe at the end of May to visit IP companies (3P, Rosen, NDT, etc). Greg Jones also stated that 3P have modified technology in respect to wax deposition and he will be visiting them also but in early June. Greg confirmed that there is definitely different technologies out there and companies keen to get into the market. Andy Studman confirmed that finally big changes are taking place in the market and John Lawson confirmed that alternative companies need to be encouraged to compete against larger competitors.</p> <p>John also advised that ChevronTexaco are in the very early stages of investigating the development and usage of laser-type technology in a pig.</p>
<b>DTI</b>	<p>Louise Novell (DTI) began by informing the Group that the DTI has now changed its name to DPEI (Department of Productivity, Energy and Industry). This change was a result of the election and a new Secretary of State.</p>



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	<p><u>Post Meeting Note</u></p> <p>Louise has advised that this has now been changed back to DTI.</p> <p><u>Corrosion Update</u></p> <p>John Lawson advised Louise that he would be having a meeting with Bob Kyle and Tim Ingram on Friday (13<sup>th</sup>) to finalise presentation and that Bob Kyle would be contacting Simon Toole to arrange a suitable date for the presentation. Also Tim Ingram advised that he has added input to the presentation and will be providing support which should hopefully result in a smoother process. John Lawson hopes that the presentation should result in the closure of this issue.</p> <p><u>DTI Workshop (10/03/05)</u></p> <p>John Lawson asked Louise Novell for her thoughts on the workshop. Louise replied that she was very pleased with the number of attendees and the resulting questions. She felt that the DTI had covered everything the Group were looking for. John Lawson confirmed that it had been a success and had been worth doing. Greg Jones commented that he had got everything out that was expected, was very good and had supplied clarification to quite a few points.</p> <p>Greg went on to recommend that the workshop should be done on a regular basis. Tim Ingram (HSE) suggested that, as Government Regulations are issued two times per year (Sept/Oct &amp; April), the DTI and HSE could combine a joint Workshop (every 6 months) to cover any changes to Regulations and highlight any issues for clarification. Louise Novell agreed. Blair McKay commented that it would also be useful to meet the people we deal with on a regular basis, rather than be a voice at the end of a telephone or a name on an email.</p> <p><b>Action: Louise Novell and HSE to arrange joint Workshop for sometime in October, preferably before the PLUG meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005.</b></p>
<p><b>HSE</b></p>	<p>Tim Ingram informed the Group on the progress of the Emergency Procedure. Tim has been researching how prepared operators are to shutdown in an emergency, especially when it is different operators at each end of a pipeline. Tim has participated in a number of offshore and onshore visits and has received huge co-operation across the board. The report will be completed in due course and hopes the Guide will be included in pipeline emergency procedures.</p> <p>The majority of platforms reported having no hesitation in shutting down in the event of an emergency and the provision of emergency procedures was quite good but there appeared to be some confusion and lack of confidence in personnel if a shutdown was to involve a connected installation.</p> <p>It has become evident that, from an HSE point of view, when regulations were drafted post-Cullen that something was missing. This is an HSE problem.</p> <p>Tim then went on to inform the Group of some of the suggestions/outcomes/feedback from his visits, these being mainly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reciprocal visits – face-to-face between installations.</li> <li>- Collaborative involvement.</li> <li>- Consolidated system-based emergency plans.</li> </ul> <p>Greg Jones – Look primarily at FEEDING facilities – any trends how receiving facilities and FEED facilities would shutdown.</p> <p>John Lawson advised that re last point made, there should be an industry model.</p> <p><b>Action: John Lawson to approach Bob Kyle (UKOOA) on Friday to discuss the possibility of a model and encourage reciprocal visits between installations.</b></p>



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	<p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Bob Kyle has agreed to promote face-to-face communication between installations.</p> <p><u>Pipeline Safety Regulations</u> With reference to the discrepancies in information received regarding 'Notification' under Pipelines Safety Regulations between Operators and Project Groups Tim advised that he has written to Bob Kyle, primarily directing the emphasis on Project Groups.</p> <p><b>Action: Angela to contact Bob Kyle for status.</b></p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Bob Kyle advised that Tim Ingram's letter has been issued to UKOOA member companies production managers for on passé to the relevant people within their organisations.</p> <p>To end this HSE section Tim Ingram informed the Group that this would be his last attendance at a PLUG Meeting as he leaves the HSE at the end of July. Tim's replacement will hopefully be in place mid June and it has been made clear that it is important for HSE attendance at these meetings to continue. Tim wished the Group long term continuance and success.</p> <p>John Lawson thanked Tim for all his efforts and wished him good luck for the future on behalf of the Group.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Tim Ingram's replacement, as of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005 is Douglas Souden.</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>Lindsay Boswell</b> (UKOPA rep) asked Tim Ingram (HSE) for his comments on the HSE's decision to abandon work on proposed amendments to PSR. Tim replied that a change in targets had to be made and unfortunately PSR was not one of them.</p> <p><b>John Lawson</b> asked about HSE involvement in code writing. Tim Ingram advised that external recruitment for pipeline inspectors was ongoing and part of the remit was to pick this up. John then asked where the person would be based and Tim advised that it would be Sheffield.</p> <p><b>Action: Group to write to Steve Wing (HSE) to request a change from Sheffield to Aberdeen for pipeline inspector.</b></p> <p><b>Tim Ingram</b> advised that should his replacement be in place before he leaves, he will make sure that the person would be introduced to John Lawson, as a minimum.</p>
<b>Group Changes</b>	<p>Gary Masson will replace Steve Smith as the Marathon representative. Arthur Fletcher (Petrofac) will now be acting on behalf of Bill Miller (Lundin Britain). Mike Wooldridge will be attending meetings on behalf of Steve Sapp (Venture).</p>
<b>Next Meeting(s)</b>	<p>Proposed 2005 meeting dates, hosts and venues are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2005                      Dave Flett     Talisman, Holburn Street, Abdn</li> <li>❖ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005                      John Lawson   ChevronTexaco, Rubislaw Den, Abdn</li> </ul>