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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway

amending the Agreement relating to the Amendment of the Agreement of 10 May 1976 relating to the Exploitation of the Frigg Field Reservoir and the Transmission of Gas therefrom to the United Kingdom

Oslo, 21 June 2001

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY AMENDING THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT OF 10 MAY 1976 RELATING TO THE EXPLOITATION OF THE FRIGG FIELD RESERVOIR AND THE TRANSMISSION OF GAS THEREFROM TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

No. 1

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway to the British Ambassador at Oslo

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Oslo 21 June 2001

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between our two Governments concerning the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the Amendment of the Agreement of 10 May 1976¹ relating to the Exploitation of the Frigg Field Reservoir and the Transmission of Gas therefrom to the United Kingdom signed at Oslo on 25 August 1998² (the Agreement) and relating to the inclusion in the definition of the Norwegian pipeline in Article 30(6) of the Schedule to the Agreement of a new pipeline which connects the Heimdal riser platform situated on the Continental Shelf appertaining to the Kingdom of Norway with the existing Norwegian pipeline, and to propose that the following amendments be made to the Agreement:

- 1. Article 30(6) of the English text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:
- "6.a "Norwegian pipeline" means the pipeline to be built and operated from its hyperbaric welded connection with the export riser at the platform known as TCP2 situated on the Continental Shelf appertaining to the Kingdom of Norway up to and including metering instruments onshore at St Fergus, and also including associated installations serving this pipeline on an intermediate platform or platforms, and the Heimdal Connection.
- 6.b "The Heimdal Connection" means the pipeline to be built and operated from its hyperbaric welded connection with the export riser at the Heimdal Riser platform situated on the Continental Shelf appertaining to the Kingdom of Norway, up to its tie-in weld to the part of the Norwegian Pipeline situated on the Continental Shelf appertaining to the United Kingdom."

The definition of the Norwegian pipeline in Article 30(6) of the Norwegian text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"6.a "den norske rørledningen" den rørledningen som skal bygges og drives fra den hyperbariske sveisen som forbinder den med eksportstigerøret ved plattformen kalt TCP2 beliggende på kontinentalsokkelen tilhørende Kongeriket Norge, opp til og inklusive måleinstrumenter i land ved St. Fergus, og også inklusive tilknyttede installasjoner som betjener denne rørledningen på en eller flere mellom-plattformer for drift av rørledningen, og Heimdal-forbindelsen.

¹Treaty Series No. 113 (1977) Cmnd 7043.

²Norway No. 2 (2000) Cm 4581.

- 6.b "Heimdal-forbindelsen" den rørledningen som skal bygges og drives fra den hyperbariske sveisen som forbinder den med eksportstigerøret ved Heimdal stigerørsplattform beliggende på kontinentalsokkelen tilhørende Kongeriket Norge, frem til sveisen som forbinder den med den del av den norske rørledningen som befinner seg på kontinentalsokkelen tilhørende Det Forente Kongerike."
- 2. The definition of the United Kingdom pipeline in Article 30(7) of the English text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

""United Kingdom Pipeline" means the pipeline to be built and operated from its hyperbaric welded connection with the export riser at the platform known as TP1 situated on the Continental Shelf appertaining to the United Kingdom up to and including metering instruments onshore at St Fergus, and also including associated installations serving this pipeline on an intermediate platform or platforms."

The definition of the United Kingdom pipeline in Article 30(7) of the Norwegian text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

""den britiske rørledningen" den rørledningen som skal bygges og drives fra den hyperbariske sveisen som forbinder den med eksportstigerøret ved plattformen kalt TP1 beliggende på kontinentalsokkelen tilhørende Det Forente Kongerike, opp til og inklusive måleinstrumenter i land ved St. Fergus, og også inklusive tilknyttede installasjoner som betjener denne rørledningen på en eller flere mellom-plattformer for drift av rørledningen."

3. Point 1(b) in Annex A of the English text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"One combined treatment and compressor platform ("TCP2")."

Point 1(b) in Annex A of the Norwegian text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"En kombinert behandlings- og kompressorplattform ("TCP2")."

4. Point 2(b) in Annex A of the English text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"One treatment platform ("TP1")."

Point 2(b) in Annex A of the Norwegian text of the Schedule to the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

"En behandlingsplattform ("TP1")."

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments and shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the assurance of our highest consideration.

THORBJØRN JAGLAND

The British Ambassador at Oslo to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway

British Embassy
Oslo
21 June 2001

Your Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of today which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force today.

I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency the assurance of our highest consideration.

RICHARD DALES





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