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Adura says Jackdaw could be ready to supply gas to UK grid for this winter

Adura CEO Neil McCulloch says the operator's Jackdaw gas-condensate development, in blocks 30/2a, 30/2d and 30/3a in the Central North Sea, could be ready to supply gas to the UK grid in time for winter this year if the government gives approval for the project to start production.

McCulloch, in an article published by *The Times* and by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce today (Wednesday), said that "on our timeline, we could technically be ready to start producing gas from Jackdaw this October".

His comments came as UK natural gas prices remain above 120 pence per therm amid the war between the US-Israel and Iran that has closed the Straits of Hormuz to most oil and gas shipping and threatened energy infrastructure throughout the Middle East.

Those gas prices have slipped from highs that briefly surpassed 170p in mid-March, but are still sharply higher than levels of around 78p just before the US and Israel launched attacks on Iran at the start of last month. Oil prices remain above \$100 per barrel.

McCulloch acknowledged that "energy policy in the UK is uppermost in the minds of politicians and public right now, especially in the context of an ongoing war in Iran, which has engulfed the wider Middle East, leading to uncertainty in terms of where we get our energy and at what cost".

However, he argued that "at its heart Jackdaw is a straightforward proposition: bring more North Sea gas onshore through existing infrastructure to the St Fergus gas terminal in Aberdeenshire for processing and onwards to UK homes and businesses".

"Unlocking this resource would allow Adura to continue to meet the UK's energy requirements, which the government itself acknowledges is a crucial matter of national interest and security," he said. (*Continued on page 2*)