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Serica seeks approval to develop Kyla as a subsea tieback to *Triton* FPSO

Serica Energy has submitted an environmental statement (ES) to the regulatory authorities covering the potential development of its Kyla oilfield, in block 29/2c in the UK Central North Sea.

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment & Decommissioning, in a notice last Thursday (2 April), confirmed it had received the ES on 20 March, outlining Serica's plan to develop Kyla, which was previously known as Kyle, as a single-well subsea tieback to the Dana-operated *Triton* FPSO, in block 21/30.

The ES outlines a project timeline that could see first oil flow late in the third quarter of 2028, leading on to peak production of around 7,000 b/d of oil and 5.11 MMcfd of natural gas in 2029. Serica, when it reported 2025 results in late-March, said initial production rates from Kyla could be 6,000-10,000 b/d of oil equivalent.

CEO Chris Cox, talking to Serica's results investor call on 26 March, said Serica likes Kyla as a development prospect, but that it will have to compete for capital with other opportunities in the company's portfolio before any future final investment decision might be taken.

Kyla is expected to produce hydrocarbons for eight years, depending on its reserves, production performance and the life of the *Triton* FPSO. The field is in 90-95 metres of water in licence P.2616, which Serica was awarded with a 100% operated interest in the UK's 33rd round in 2023. Serica estimates that Kyla holds reserves totalling 10.2 million boe.

The operator is planning to exploit Kyla via a subsea well tied back via a new 12-13.2 km eight-inch production pipeline that will be laid along with a piggy-backed three-inch gas-lift pipeline, either to the Bittern Drill Centre A or Bittern Drill Centre B manifolds in block 29/1. A control umbilical will also run adjacent to the pipelines.

From Bittern, Kyla production will be commingled with Bittern output and piped through its existing pipeline system to the *Triton* floater, which is said to have sufficient processing capacity to support the development with relatively minor topsides modifications. *(Continued on page 2)*