



## MINUTES

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OFFSHORE LIAISON (EPOL) GROUP

**DATE:** Wednesday 7 June 2018  
**LOCATION:** *TAQA Bratani Ltd, TAQA House, Prospect Road, Arnhall Business Park, Westhill AB32 6FE*

**CHAIR/MINUTES:** Rob McRobb and Len Braun

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sinead Watson (TAQA)	Pete Lowson (MCA)
Wendy Aden (Spirit Energy)	Pauline Robertson (TAQA)
Emma Russell (Ineos O&P)	Chris Shawcross (Bluewater)
Eddie Nicol (Noble Drilling)	Paul Heeney (HSE)
Lenny West (Repsol Sinopec)	Jo Wilkinson (Petrofac)
Alison Jansch (Apache)	Mark Reid (Chrysaor)
Andrew Park (Total)	Hannah Curd (Shell)
John Duncan (Total)	Gwen Moran (Collabro Group)
Ruth Evans (Marathon)	Jenny Barclay (Equinor)
Colin Sellar (Subsea7)	Rob McRobb (Police Scotland)
Andrew Taylor (BEIS)	Len Braun (Police Scotland)
Glenn Pinsent (Bristow)	Ewan Henderson (Police Scotland)
Rob Inglis (CNR)	Glenn Bland (Police Scotland)
Sara Cheyne (Nexen)	
Colin Walker (BP)	
Sharon Robertson (Wood)	
Louise Thomson (Wood)	
Steve Collins (Chrysaor)	
Andrew Sutherland (Teekay)	
Derek Hart (IADC)	

#### 1. WELCOME AND DOMESTIC ISSUES

Sinead Watson welcomed everyone to TAQA and outlined the domestic issues.

## **2. OPENING OF MEETING AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair formally opened the meeting and welcomed those who were new to the group.

## **3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the following:-

Heather MacLeod (Floatel Int)  
Callum Chesshire (EnQuest)  
Sheila Tait (BP)  
Gary Hunt (TAQA)  
Lynne de Boer (UKO&GC)  
Rebecca Borresen (Babcock)  
Julie Christie (Babcock)  
Peter Ratcliffe (Perenco)  
Sharon Wilson (Technip)  
Rob Bly (BP)  
Jennifer Poole (Perenco)  
Rebecca Heginbotham-Blount (Norfolk Constabulary)  
Shirley Daniel (Equinor)  
Lynne McLeod (Ineos)  
Alix Thom (Oil & Gas UK)  
Andy Lang (Premier Oil)  
Nick Bailey (HSE)  
Mark Brosnan (CHC)  
Michelle Chrystal (CHC)  
Harriet Arnott (ConocoPhillips)

## **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 7 March 2017 were approved.

## **5. MY VANTAGE PRESENTATION**

Gwen Moran, Collabro Group and Jenny Barclay, Equinor delivered a presentation on the new 'My Vantage' smartphone app. The app will be phased in from June 2018 and when operational will provide a tool which will allow the offshore workforce access to key information, provide a platform for online check-in, improve passenger experience through heliports and as a communications tool to provide key safety messages both industry wide and customer specific.

**6. MEDIA SUB GROUP UPDATE**

Len Braun provided the Vuelio update on behalf of Jen Phillips, O&G UK. She is trying to secure a date for what is intended as a final test of the software. If this is successful it is hoped to present this to the Group at the September meeting.

**7. MCA UPDATE**

Pete Lowson provided the following updates to the Group.

Installation Summary Sheet – circulated and extended deadline but few comments were received therefore it is good to release. Will circulate again after the meeting and companies who are willing, please send back completed versions. Not mandatory but it would be appreciated and very useful.

Receptor installation form - received from BP following the Bruce evacuation and made some updates. One version is a form per installation but it may be easier in spreadsheet form for multiple installations. Will circulate after the meeting and comments welcome on whether it should be one form per installation or a spreadsheet format. Also feedback sought on suitability, functionality and any additional information required. Post meeting: I have still to circulate it internally for comment.

Medevacs or incidents - any feedback/learnings - please let me know if you'd like to discuss anything. Have had a couple of conversations recently where people have commented on historical incidents but if not addressed at the time, difficult to follow-up afterwards.

Reminder that during an incident, HMCG must receive updates directly from the installation and not via the onshore team.

If you hear of anything from OIMs or others that training providers information (or company procedures) are at odds from what HMCG expect, please let me know. Working hard to make sure there is a consistent message.

A reminder about the OSARM course and the positive feedback received. Really beneficial for OIM's and deputies and highly recommended all attend. Some onshore delegates have also attended recently and found it useful.

In addition, I was asked to provide the next OSARM dates, they are as follows:

2/3 Oct  
30/31 Oct  
27/28 Nov  
11/12 Dec  
29/30 Jan  
27/28 Feb  
26/27 Mar  
24/25 Apr  
29/30 May

## 8 HSE UDATE

Paul Heeney addressed the Group on the following:

- The Safety 30 Conference that took place in Aberdeen on 5th and 6th June.
- The need for information sharing with in the Oil & Gas Industry on all emergency preparedness issues and for incidents involving significant gas releases and asset integrity.
- Walk-to-Work and changes to safety cases.
- Adverse weather working. Paul spoke of a situation West of Shetland where a Standby Vessel had to leave the field three times in one month due to severe weather conditions. This is the most the HSE have experienced. Although he is unsure of an answer to this situation the issue is being considered by O&G UK.
- Lifeboat Training - The standard of training appears really poor with most employees receiving only 30 minutes training during BOSIET courses.
- Safety Cases - The good news is the HSE are coming close to the end of the transition to the new safety cases.

## 9 BEIS UPDATE

Andrew Taylor updated to the Group regarding the SOSRep. Les Chapman, who attended the September 2017 EPOL meeting as the incoming SOSRep, has left the post. Deputy SOSRep Stefan Hennig takes on the role of Temporary SOSRep until a permanent replacement is appointed. During this time Lisa McAuliffe will be the Temporary Deputy SOSRep.

## 10 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS UPDATE

Derek Hart spoke to the Group about the publication of the MAIB report on the grounding of the Transocean Winner on 8 August 2016. The main lessons from the report relate to passage planning and the need to not to sail close to land.

The report can be located via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-of-semi-submersible-rig-transocean-winner-after-the-loss-of-tow-from-tug-alp-forward>

## 11 OIL & GAS UK UPDATE

There was no update from Oil & Gas UK

**12 PRESENTATION BY POLICE SCOTLAND  
NATIONAL FIREARMS LICENSING UNIT**

Inspector Ewan Henderson delivered a presentation to the Group regarding Firearms Licensing and the implications for the offshore oil and gas industry.

Following the meeting Inspector Henderson's email and direct dial telephone details were circulated to all EPOL members for future contact with him.

**13 POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE**

Due to the meeting overrunning the Chair did not provide an update to the Group.

**14 INFORMATION SHARING/ OPEN SPACE**

Nil

**15 DATES AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 25 September 2018 at CNR, St Magnus House, Guild Street, Aberdeen at 9 am for 9.30 start.**

**16 AOCB**

None.