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BSP CLARIFIES GAS LEAK RUMOUR

Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP) confirms that a gas release was detected at one of its offshore wells, Selangkir 2 (SK-2) on Thursday afternoon (5th February 2015). SK-2 is located on a normally unmanned platform, and is situated 40km off the coast of Muara, Brunei.

BSP is a high reliability organisation that deals with operational situations routinely. BSP has established procedures and resources to ensure our people, the environment and our assets are safe.

As a result, we are well prepared to deal with the current SK-2 well situation. The gas release, which is too small to be detected by the systems on the platform, was detected by a portable gas detector worn by one of our team members who was working on the platform. The gas leak was immediately alerted and subsequently the well was shut down. This quick reporting demonstrates the situational awareness and attentiveness by our people on the front-line, towards ensuring safe operations. Reporting an incident early allows us to act quickly to minimize the risk of escalation.

BSP has a strong safety culture; our people are always prepared to report errors, near-misses, unsafe conditions and any concerns they may have about safety.

Our strategy in this case is one of 'prudent over-reaction' in order to minimize the risk of escalation and to be fully prepared to deal with the situation.

On the Selangkir platform, all safety equipment, fire and gas detection and Emergency Shut Down systems are functioning and we are keeping the platform running to maintain that functionality. The platform can be shut down remotely and there is also an automatic shutdown system that will be triggered if there is a significant gas release.

Safety is our top priority. We have established dedicated resources and workstreams to manage and resolve the situation safely. BSP incident response teams and resources have been activated and we have mobilized specialist expertise and resources from Regional and Global Shell response teams as well as specialist well control contractors. Platform access controls and work management systems are in place so that all activities are managed safely.

BSP, Shell and specialist contractors are working together to develop the procedures and precautionary measures to safely resolve the situation. The Selangkir platform is normally unmanned so it will take time, particularly with the current weather conditions, to mobilise the appropriate facilities and equipment. We are using this time to fully prepare and to ensure all details are covered in our work programmes.

It is important that the teams working the issues with respect to the SK-2 well are supported in order to focus on the safe completion of their work while at the same time the rest of BSP and our business partners

continue to focus on safe delivery every day. We thank everyone in Brunei for their support and encouragement – it is really appreciated by all the teams.

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