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BSP CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS ON SELANGKIR-2

Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad (BSP) continues to make progress towards resolving the Selangkir 2 (SK-2) well situation.

The tender assist barge, SKD Pelaut, was anchored and successfully connected to the Selangkir platform, as scheduled, on Sunday, 15 February 2015. This is a critical milestone as it allows the technical team a stable area and the necessary facilities to support the work plan, and the work around the wellhead itself has now safely started.

Extensive planning and preparations have been put in place – for example BSP have mobilized the necessary equipment and have tested the set up and planned programme utilising their test well. The test well experience allowed the teams involved the opportunity to integrate and collaborate seamlessly on what will be a complex activity on the Selangkir platform.

Sharing his thoughts on the importance of safely progressing the work, Ken Marnoch, Managing Director of BSP said, “We continue to focus on safely executing the required work, and resolving the situation. The quality of the planning and preparation involving the right experts will help us ensure that we conduct the work in a coordinated and safe manner at all times.”

The next steps to be undertaken this week will involve connecting the equipment to systems on the platform, and various activities to ensure a controlled depressurization of the Selangkir 2 well.

On these activities, Marnoch explained, “There are many resources being mobilised simultaneously to support the activities undertaken by the teams which include staff from different BSP departments, Shell and BSP business partners. It is very important to integrate and work together, to ensure that safety procedures and work programmes are followed and that everyone looks out for one another. It is heartening to see the same focus on safety across the organizations with teams “pausing” activities until they are comfortable that all necessary safety considerations have been addressed. This is the right safety behaviour.”

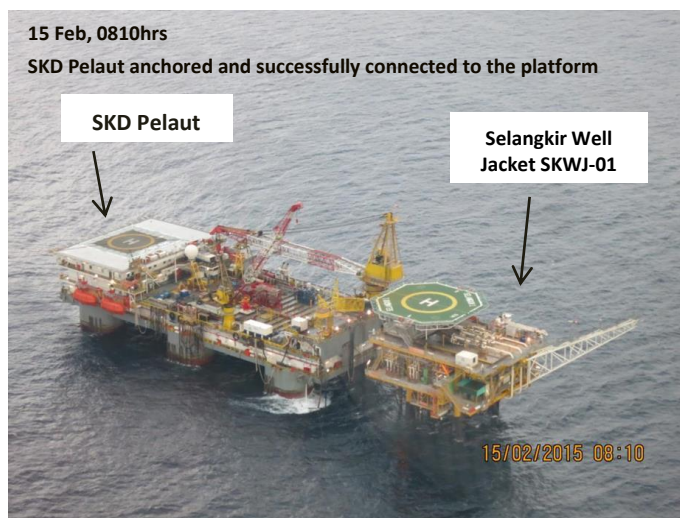
The 1-nautical mile control zone remains in place around the platform, as part of the control precautions to allow safe operations. The BSP Incident Management Team is operating on a 24 hours basis and the People on Board (POB) SKD Pelaut and on the vessels within the 1 nautical mile control zone and immediately outside it is being monitored very closely.

Marnoch reiterated, “Resolving the SK-2 well situation will take time and BSP considers the safety of everyone involved at every step. As we are now engaging in the critical activities, we need to operate with high alertness and to quickly spot any weak signals and report them immediately. We must continue to execute the remediation activities safely and precisely.”

BSP provides regular updates to the Government and relevant agencies, and we are grateful for the continued support from the Government, the Brunei authorities, Shell and our business partners in resolving this situation.

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