



Hibernia platform resumes production

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St. John's, Newfoundland: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) is resuming production at the Hibernia platform today after conducting a thorough inspection to ensure the safety and security of the platform.

HMDC has had extensive engagement with the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) to complete the plan for return to production. HMDC will take the time necessary to reach full production in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

"We are following a deliberate, staged return to production operations, and carrying out surveillance of the facility throughout the process," said Scott Sandlin, president of HMDC. "We have the safety of our people and protection of the environment foremost on our minds as we gradually bring production back on line."

On July 17, 2019, production at the platform was shut in, following a discharge of oil and water from a storage cell in the gravity base. HMDC has determined that the oil and water interface layer (oil and water emulsion mixture) in the storage cell was the issue. To resolve this issue, HMDC has removed the current interface layer from the storage cell and is revising its procedures to protect against future possible reoccurrence. These revised procedures include revisions to minimum water heights in the cells and only producing into cells without residual interface. In their totality, the corrective actions brought forward from this incident provide a robust plan to manage future operations.

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