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23 August 2018

Meeting between David Ritchie (then Deputy Director, Energy Industries Division) and ExxonMobil at the Mossmorran plant.

From: *[redacted]*
Sent: 28 February 2019 11:59
To: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>
Cc: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@bigpartnership.co.uk
Subject: RE: Mosmorran

[redacted],

1pm on March 15th is fine for me, I look forward to speaking to you then.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 26 February 2019 08:19
To: *[redacted]* @gov.scot>
Cc: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@bigpartnership.co.uk
Subject: RE: Mosmorran

[redacted],

Thanks for your note. I'm afraid March 14th is no longer possible this end – how would March 15th at say 1 o clock suit? Please confirm as soon as convenient and I will do a meeting notice. Many thanks,

[redacted]
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From: *[redacted]*@gov.scot [mailto *[redacted]*@gov.scot]
Sent: 25 February 2019 15:22
To: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>
Cc: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@bigpartnership.co.uk
Subject: RE: Mosmorran

[redacted],

Thank you for getting in touch.

A call would be very helpful, and Thursday March 14th at 10am is fine for me.

I can be reached at the number below. If you need me to set up a conference call, please let me know.

Thanks

[redacted]
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From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 21 February 2019 11:36
To: *[redacted]* @gov.scot>
Cc: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@bigpartnership.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Mosmorran

Dear *[redacted]*,

[redacted] passed on your contact details and email below; I am the *[redacted]*for ExxonMobil in the UK.

We have instituted an internal Brexit planning and preparation exercise across all aspects of our business interests in the UK and the rest of Europe; my colleague *[redacted]* leads on this for all our chemical interests including the Fife Ethylene Plant. We would be happy to offer a verbal (phone) briefing on this – would this be of interest to you and how would Thursday March 14th at 10am UK time suit for an hour or so? Do let me know if this would suit you.

Many thanks,

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From: *[redacted]*@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DECC Energy Intensive Industries
Sent: 15 April 2019 15:47
To: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com'
Subject: Scottish Government - Workshop: Decarbonising Scotland's Industrial Sectors and Sites

Dear *[redacted]*,

Ahead of our workshop, on 30th April: 'Decarbonising Scotland's Industrial Sectors and Sites, please find attached a letter of invitation.

We are very much looking forward to the event and hope that you can attend.

Kind Regards,

The Industrial Decarbonisation Team
Scottish Government

[EII Workshop Invite attached to FOI response separately]

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 22 April 2019 17:15
To: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>; *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: ExxonMobil - Flaring

[redacted], *[redacted]* (*[redacted]*, we've not spoken yet)

I wanted to give you a quick update on our current unplanned flaring event here at The Fife Ethylene Plant.

Yesterday, around lunchtime, a fault in a length of cable caused one of our boilers to move into failsafe mode – resulting in a process interruption.

As a result, we moved into both the ground and the elevated flares. This was initially smoky, due to a lack of steam in the combustion process, which our teams addressed and the flare has since burned clean.

Our teams are now working round the clock to move the plant back to normal operations. This will, however, take a few days and we will unfortunately need to flare while this work is being undertaken.

We have undertaken extensive communications and meetings with stakeholders, public and media.

We have also engaged with SEPA throughout.

I will keep you updated on developments, but should you require any further information do please let me know.

Regards

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From: *[redacted]*
Sent: 14 May 2019 13:39
To: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Cc: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil

Hi *[redacted]*,

I had a very enjoyable break, thanks.

How does the 30th May suit, between 1:00 and 2:30pm? It would be at our Victoria Quay offices in Leith.

Regards

[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 13 May 2019 08:46
To: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Cc: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil

Hi *[redacted]*

Hope you had a good break. I would be very keen to meet with yourself and Environment Colleagues.

I am away on business this week, but next week and the week after we will move diaries to accommodate - I would be looking to bring another senior colleague along too. The only days we can't do is morning of 20th and all day 21st May.

If you want to suggest what works for you we can then formalise.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Sent: 02 May 2019 09:33
To: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Cc: *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil

Morning *[redacted]*,

Thanks for this information.

I hope you don't mind, but I have also passed it on to my colleagues within the Environment and Forestry Directorate, who lead on SEPA sponsorship and the response to environmental issues.

We'd be keen to set something up to discuss your plans, and also invite the leads from that team along too if that's ok.

I'm on leave next week, but if you want to suggest some dates in the second half of May/early June, then we can get something in the diary.

Happy to host in our Edinburgh offices if that also suits.

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]
Energy Industries
Scottish Government

Tel: *[redacted]*
[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 01 May 2019 09:16
To: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: ExxonMobil

Morning *[redacted]*

I wanted to write personally and advise you that we have now submitted our Best Available Techniques (BAT) report to SEPA.

This sets out a programme of technological and process actions to further reduce the frequency of high-volume elevated flaring at the Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP).

I am sure you will appreciate the significance of this work, which we have been developing for the past year, and hope it underlines both our understanding of the impact that flaring has on local communities, and our commitment to reduce events.

Following best practice guidance from independent consultants AECOM and RMP Acoustics, the proposals exceed specifications in UK legislation and include an enhanced elevated flare design; training improvements; and the introduction of new processes and technologies.

In addition, options will be evaluated to increase the capacity of, and access to, ground level flares that have the potential to minimise community impact.

We are now seeking a meeting with SEPA to review and agree the report, and associated implementation plan and timescales - it is anticipated that a programme of improvements will be implemented over a five year period.

Incidents of unplanned elevated flaring at the plant are very rare, representing just 2% of our entire operational time in the past ten years and with no increase in either frequency or volume, but when elevated flaring occurs, we absolutely understand its impact on communities.

That is why we are taking the right and responsible steps to further minimise both the frequency and impact of events, and the BAT report provides a clear pathway to achieve this.

I am very keen to meet to discuss both the report and other key issues relating to the plant, so will be in touch to see if we can identify a date.

Regards

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From: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Sent: 21 May 2019 08:53
To: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil - Public Meeting

[redacted] [redacted],

Yes, we have the date in our diaries.

Happy with the suggested agenda too.

If you could let me know your colleagues name, just for our security department.

Look forward to seeing you next week.

Regards

[redacted]
Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Date: Tuesday, 21 May 2019, 8:51 am
To: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>, *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil - Public Meeting

Thanks, *[redacted]*

Will do.

Can we also confirm our meeting for 30th May at Victoria Quay?

It will be myself and our Environmental Lead that come along.

We are keen to discuss the facts around emissions, flaring and plant reliability / maintenance, as well as explore the positive role we can play in SG's Energy Vision.

Does that sit ok with yourselves? Are their specific areas you would want to cover too?

Best

[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Sent: 20 May 2019 09:51
To: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>; *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil - Public Meeting

[redacted],

Thanks for the information with regard to the public meeting.

It would be helpful if you could also include our colleagues who lead on environmental and regulatory issues in any future updates too. I have copied their emails addresses below.

Kind regards

[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot

[redacted]@gov.scot

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 17 May 2019 12:37
To: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>; *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: ExxonMobil - Public Meeting

[redacted], *[redacted]*

You will be aware of a public meeting this evening, coordinated by the Mossmorran Action Group. The Group has contacted the First Minister's Office to seek Ministerial attendance –the FM has responded to decline.

I wanted to share with you ExxonMobil's position.

Representatives from the Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP) will not be attending the meeting. This is due to the unavailability of senior plant managers and because we do not believe that this particular meeting will provide an opportunity for fair, constructive and informed discussion.

We have, however, made repeated offers to MAG to join community representatives for a question and answer session on-site with our Senior Management Team in the near future (MAG has so far chosen not to accept). Our intent is to give stakeholders an informed and factual insight into our plant operations and foster constructive discussion that focuses on the issues that directly matter to those living in communities local to FEP. Such a meeting would also allow us to share our Best Available Techniques Report which outlines a multi-million pound programme of improvements that we are planning to further minimise instances and impact of unplanned flaring – underlining our commitment to taking right and responsible action.

We also remain active and committed participants in Fife Council's formally recognised community fora, the Independent Air Quality Monitoring Group and Safety Liaison Committee, and continue to support efforts to improve the effectiveness of these organisations.

Furthermore, we will again reach out to members of the local community with invitations to visit FEP themselves to allow us to address concerns directly and build mutual understanding and trust.

As our offer to host a meeting may not have been conveyed further, we will shortly issue formal invitations directly to MAG and elected representatives and hope they will join us in the coming weeks.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Best

[redacted]

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From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 31 May 2019 09:11
To: *[redacted]* @gov.scot>
Cc: *[redacted]*@gov.scot>; *[redacted]*@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Contact Details

Thanks to everyone for your time yesterday.

I am glad we have now established contact, and please be assured that we are moving as quick as possible to address the needs of our local communities.

As promised, I have attached:

- An overview of our Communications and Engagement actions – based around political stakeholders who have been active around flaring.
- Some additional background on the plant – economic contribution etc.
- An overview of our BAT submission (*[redacted]*, we will also send you a separate email on BAT actions)
- An example of our invite to the Community Representatives Meeting at FEP (thus far, only one MSP has accepted)

I will also keep you fully updated on developments at our end.

Please let me know if I can provide anything further at this stage.

Regards

[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Sent: 30 May 2019 14:54
To: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>
Cc: *[redacted]* @gov.scot; *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Subject: Contact Details

[redacted],

Thanks to you and *[redacted]* for coming in today. It was a useful discussion and helpful to make the right links across the various teams.

I have copied *[redacted]* and *[redacted]* into this email, please send on any information that would be useful to them too.

I'll come back to you separately on dates for a discussion on the energy transition.

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]
Energy Industries
Scottish Government

Tel: *[redacted]*
Email: *[redacted]*@gov.scot

[Flaring BAT Evaluation attached to FOI response separately]

[SG Background Brief attached to FOI response separately]

From: *[redacted]*@exxonmobil.com>
Sent: 23 May 2019 15:54
To: Mark.Ruskell.msp@parliament.scot
Subject: Invite - Community Representatives Meeting

Dear Mr Ruskell

On behalf of *[redacted]* of the Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP), we would like to invite you, or a representative, to join us at FEP for a question and answer session directly with members of our Plant Management Team.

As a community representative, we would value the time to provide greater insight to our operations, and give you the opportunity to raise the issues that matter to your constituents. Furthermore, we will provide you with detail on the comprehensive actions we will take to further minimise instances and impact of flaring events.

In wishing to accommodate as many representatives as possible, we are proposing three options and will select the one that meets the majority of availability.

By return, could you advise us of your preferred date from those below and confirm if it will be yourself or a representative attending?

27 June 6pm – 8pm 16 July 6pm – 8pm
18 July 6pm – 8pm

Once we have identified the date, we will provide further information to you.

Regards

[redacted]

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From: *[redacted]*@bigpartnership.co.uk>
Sent: 14 June 2019 16:06
To: *[redacted]* @gov.scot>; *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Cc: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>
Subject: RE: ExxonMobil FEP

Hi,

Further to my email below, I'm writing to confirm that normal operations have resumed at FEP and I've attached the statement which has been issued.

As per my earlier email, please let me know if you'd like any further information.

Best regards,
[redacted]

From: *[redacted]*
Sent: 14 June 2019 13:54
To: *[redacted]* @gov.scot; *[redacted]*@gov.scot
Cc: *[redacted]* @exxonmobil.com>
Subject: ExxonMobil FEP

Hi,

I'm contacting you on behalf of *[redacted]* at ExxonMobil who is on annual leave.

As you may be aware, Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP) had to operate its elevated flare today due to a mechanical issue. However, normal operations are expected to resume very shortly. I've attached the public statement that has been issued for your reference and will send you the forthcoming updated statement in due course.

If you wish any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[ExxonMobil FEP Community Statement attached to FOI response separately

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By email to : [redacted]@exxonmobil.com

Dear [redacted]

Our ref: 'Decarbonising Scotland's Industrial Sectors and Sites'

15th April 2019

I am writing to invite you to participate in a workshop at the Lighthouse in Glasgow on April 30th. This is part of Scottish Government's ongoing engagement with industrial stakeholders on the challenges of decarbonising the sector.

Following on our previous engagement, our analysis shows that, with the right infrastructure, industrial decarbonisation is an economic investment opportunity that could also attract new industries to Scotland. A discussion paper will be made available before the workshop that profiles existing Scottish energy intensive industries (EII) and examines existing advice and support. The workshop will build on the paper to examine:

- How can we build support for the required industrial decarbonisation investment in collaboration with Scottish industrial stakeholders?
- How can we realise the potential of industrial decarbonisation to boost local economies and supply chains; with consequential benefits for the livelihoods of people and places connected to industrial sites?

Investing in energy efficiency or other ways to reduce carbon emissions will develop a more sustainable industrial sector. However, it is only by working in collaboration that we will create a support framework, then a detailed plan, to deliver the transition required.

The workshop will deliver a shared understanding of the most important activities to incentivise industrial decarbonisation in Scotland, and the next steps to overcome financial barriers in this area.

In addition to this letter, an EventBrite link will shortly be made available, where you can register your attendance. If you have any questions on the workshop, please reply to me or my colleagues at EII@gov.scot.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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Community Statement

Date: Friday 14 June 2019

Time: 15.40hrs

Statement: 02

Dear Community Member,

I write to advise that normal operations have resumed at Fife Ethylene Plant. Our team worked swiftly to identify and resolve the mechanical issue that led to the elevated flaring.

We apologise for any inconvenience the flaring may have caused.

The flare is an essential part of the plant's systems and we would like to assure you that there was no danger to local communities or staff on site.

If you require any further information, please contact us on Tel. 01383 737 000 or

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