

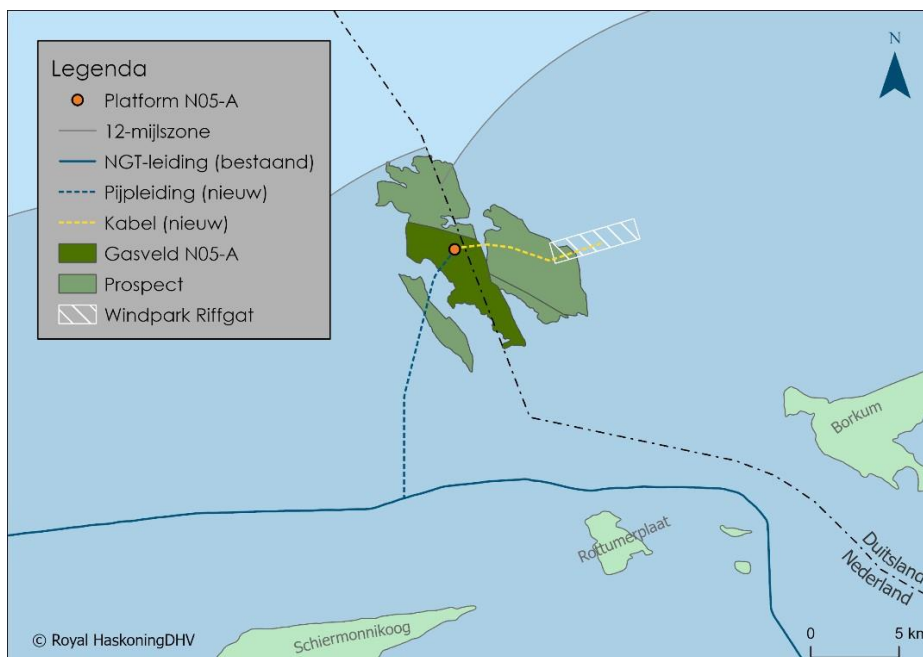
ONE-Dyas - Press release

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Draft decision for gas extraction from field N05-A now available for inspection

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate has announced plans to grant ONE-Dyas licences for bringing the N05-A gas field in the North Sea into production. The draft decision was published and made available for inspection today, 23 April 2021. Aligned to the Dutch government’s small fields policy, the N05-A platform will be the first in the North Sea to run entirely on wind energy.

ONE-Dyas, together with partners Hansa Hydrocarbons and EBN, aims to extract natural gas from the N05-A field as well as surrounding fields in the German and Dutch North Sea. The platform will be located in Dutch waters c.20 kilometres north of Borkum, Rottumerplaat and Schiermonnikoog and lie approximately one and a half kilometres from German waters.



Asking questions and submitting views

The draft approval decision, the draft environmental licence, the design licence for the installation of the pipeline and electricity cable, plus all respective applications will be available for inspection from 23 April 2021. A six week consultation period will then provide the opportunity to submit views or ask questions to ONE-Dyas and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy. All documents and the associated questionnaire can be downloaded from www.rvo.nl/gaswinning-N05.



EIA report shaped by input from stakeholders

The licence applications include a comprehensive environmental impact report (EIA). ONE-Dyas has pursued a proactive dialogue with various stakeholders since 2018 and the report incorporates their questions, concerns, and suggestions. Drawn up by engineering firm Royal HaskoningDHV, the study also takes into account the views submitted in 2019 in response to the “Communication of intentions for the environmental impact report for gas extraction N05-A”.

The North Sea’s first offshore wind-powered platform

The N05-A platform will be connected to the nearby German wind farm Riffgat, becoming the first offshore gas treatment platform in the North Sea powered entirely by wind energy. Chris de Ruyter van Steveninck, CEO ONE-Dyas:

“This landmark move to wind energy will reduce emissions from the production platform to zero. In terms of the overall project, we are talking about a reduction of 85 percent. It represents a serious contribution to the energy transition and shows our commitment to integrating sustainable energy sources as far as possible.”

“The Netherlands will still need natural gas in the coming decades – and extraction from our own territory offers a number of advantages over imported natural gas. In addition to the security of supply and the associated economic benefits, using our own natural gas also significantly reduces our CO2 footprint.”

More about the GEMS project

GEMS stands for “Gateway to the Ems” and refers to an area in the North Sea stretching from approximately 20 kilometres to 100 kilometres north of the mouth of the Ems. Together with partners Hansa Hydrocarbons and EBN, ONE-Dyas is researching the potential of gas extraction in the area. The development of the N05-A gas field is a result of this partnership.

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