

Press release ONE-Dyas

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## Court rules positively on environmental and climate aspects of project N05-A

**The court ruled in favour of ONE-Dyas and ministries of EZK and LNV on almost all grounds, including climate, subsidence, seismicity, emissions to air and water, the Borkum Stones and many environmental grounds, but also gives homework to do, particularly around the nitrogen issue.**

Towards a climate-neutral energy supply in 2050, the aim is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible. Developing N05-A and surrounding gas fields in the North Sea means security of supply, a contribution to the economy and the smallest ecological footprint. As long as there is still demand for natural gas, this is the best option for achieving the goals of the climate agreement. Platform N05-A will be the first Dutch platform in the North Sea to run on offshore wind energy from the nearby Riffgat wind farm, resulting in virtually zero emissions. N05-A is also suitable for future development of green hydrogen and for CCS.

### **Most comprehensive environmental impact report**

There has been a very comprehensive and careful study of the impact on the environment. The Environmental Impact Assessment (MER) of N05-A has been the most comprehensive study for a gas development in the North Sea. It shows that the impacts are negligible. Independent advisory bodies such as TNO and the Environmental Impact Assessment Commission endorsed this and indicated that the project meets the strict environmental criteria that apply in the Netherlands for a gas production project in the North Sea. Partly on this basis, the Ministry of Economic Affairs granted the final licence.



*Production platform N05-A under construction*

### **Investment of 500 million in the economy**

After the permits had been granted, ONE-Dyas, together with partners EBN and Hansa Hydrocarbons, made the final investment decision of over half a billion euros in August 2022. Construction of platform N05-A at HSM Offshore Energy in Schiedam began in December 2022. The platform is now almost ready for transport to site N05-A in the North Sea. Local companies have also been contracted almost exclusively for the materials, installation and transport of platform N05-A. This was a conscious choice to contribute to the local economy and to preserve jobs, knowledge and infrastructure that we desperately need now and in the future for the energy transition.

### **First natural gas at the end of 2024 should be possible**

Chris de Ruyter van Steveninck, CEO ONE-Dyas: " We obviously need to study the ruling further. We are pleased that the court's verdict is positive on the vast majority of environmental and climate aspects. Together with the contracted companies, we are in the starting blocks to take up the work in the North Sea as well. The aim is still to have the first natural gas available by the end of 2024. After an installation period of several weeks, there will then be a platform that runs on offshore wind energy, is suitable for green hydrogen and can contribute to its own energy supply for years, without releasing emissions."



*Visualisatie platform N05-A en aansluiting op windpark Riffgat*

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