

seen as anything other than a global issue of legitimate interest for non-Arctic states.

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9. 27/1/2011: FCO E-mail re. Minister for Energy Chris Huhne/Russia

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2011 15:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: **REST:** Chris Huhne and Russia

To see below - On the Arctic.

From: PS Chris Huhne
Sent: 27 January 2011 15:52
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Chris Huhne and Russia

Thank you very much.

Kindest,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to Rt. Hon. Chris Huhne MP | Department of Energy & Climate Change | 3 Whitehall Place | London | SW1A 2AW
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2011 15:42
To: PS Chris Huhne
Cc: [REDACTED] Barton Chris (International Energy and Technology);
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Chris Huhne and Russia

[REDACTED],

Specific lines on the arctic pasted below. I've also attached our Q&A. To note I'll be updating this later tonight to reflect the Rosneft- Exxon Mobil deal in the Black Sea which will be announced shortly in Davos.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

The UK has no jurisdiction in any part of Arctic waters ,and the Russian Federation have res

We are working closely in a G20 workgroup, chaired by Russia, with the aim of disseminating Best Practice in offshore oil and gas drilling. The UK has considerable

experience in this area and believe that we have a world class regime and we are very willing to share our understanding with others.

It is in all nation's interest and in the interest of international companies such as BP that the highest standards of safety and environmental protection are applied to this activity.

From: PS Chris Huhne
Sent: 27 January 2011 14:52
To: Amzour Nasrine (DECC)
Cc: [REDACTED] Barton Chris (International Energy and Technology)
Subject: FW: Chris Huhne and Russia

[REDACTED]

, I have been forwarded the email at the bottom of this chain asking about reassurance that pollution risks that might arise from the BP/Rosneft deal below are minimised.

Chris Davies is a Lib Dem MEP and I suspect therefore that [REDACTED] may want to run some lines past the Secretary of State. Please would you be able to send me the latest version of the lines that you prepared for No. 10?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Private Secretary to Rt. Hon. Chris Huhne MP | Department of Energy & Climate Change | 3 Whitehall Place | London | SW1A 2AW

✉email: [REDACTED]

From: PS DECC SPADS
Sent: 26 January 2011 18:47
To: PS Chris Huhne
Subject: FW: Chris Huhne and Russia

[REDACTED]

See below.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (DECC Private Office Group)
Sent: 26 January 2011 18:40
To: PS DECC SPADS
Subject: FW: Chris Huhne and Russia

Can you find out what our response might be?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 January 2011 18:11

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Chris Huhne and Russia

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Obvious environmental reasons - it is difficult to get assistance in case of pollution problems in such areas, and near impossible to make good damage caused.

She tells me that environment NGOs are queuing up to condemn the deal.

Can you give me any reassurance that we have taken special steps to ensure that the risk of pollution is near to negligible?

Regards

[REDACTED]

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10.17/1/2011: Moscow E-gram 970-11 BP/Rosneft.

[REDACTED]

Landmark deal between BP and Rosneft swaps \$8bn worth of shares and plans to create a joint venture for oil and gas exploration in an Arctic region thought to have vast reserves. Putin praises the deal. Russian press variously hails the deal as a 'marriage of titans' or castigates the 'merger of two stained reputations'. For BP, the deal offers massive potential rewards, provided it invests billions and successfully manages its relationship with the Russian government.

From MOSCOW

Precedence ADVANCE

eGram No. 970/11

Despatched 17/01/2011 16:05:00 GMT

1. On 14 January, BP and Rosneft, Russia's largest and state-controlled oil company, announced a multibillion landmark deal at a press conference in London attended by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change and Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Rosneft, Igor Sechin.
2. The agreement, the largest in Rosneft's history, comprises four elements:
 - i. A share swap between the two companies intended to inspire mutual confidence. BP will receive a 9.5% stake in Rosneft in exchange for a 5% stake in BP. The share packets are worth about \$7.8bn each. The share exchange will be finalised in the next few weeks. [REDACTED]
 - ii. A strategic global partnership. The companies have implied that they will jointly manage energy assets (both upstream and downstream) around the world, but have no specific plans.