IOGP Diving Operations
Sub Committee

DOSC update to NUI Diving Seminar
9th November 2021
Diving operations

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Recommended Practices for Diving Operations

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Major changes
This revision aims to capture those improvements and provide a systematic approach to the management of diving operations for IOGP Members.

Its design is consistent with IOGP Report 510 - Operating Management System Framework, and this report is supplementary to IOGP Report 511 - OMS in practice and IOGP Report 423 – HSE management guidelines for working together in a contract environment. Reports 411, 511, and 423 should be used in the following hierarchy:

1) IOGP Report 511 - OMS in practice
2) IOGP Report 423 - HSE Management – working together in a contracting environment
3) IOGP Report 411 - Diving Recommended practice

Inclusion of additional annexes inc:

• Appendix A. Breathing gas purity – Air/Nitrox/Heliox
• Appendix D. Underwater Ships Husbandry
• Appendix K. Surface Supplied Offshore Diving – Air
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IOGP 431 Work Group

Work group formed with members from SHELL, BP, EXXON, CHEVRON & BHP

Focus areas of the work group include:

Redefining the scope of the document to allow its use beyond upstream.

Competency matrix for the Diving Worksite Representatives to ensure they hold the correct level of skill set relevant to the work site they are providing the oversight on.

Expanding the document to include roles and responsibilities for senior roles like Diving Subject Matter Expert and Technical Authorities.
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Major changes in Rev 2.0

- Updated section 9 (Emergency drills and training)
- New Appendix A: HEP template
- New Appendix B: HEP Safety Critical Element Analysis
- New Appendix C: Example Matrix of Permitted Operations
- Minor edits to sections 5 and 8