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### Gemini Project

#### Shipper Working Group Notes 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 Euston Road, London

##### Present

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Nick Gold (NG)	Centrica
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Jacqui Revitt	Gaz de France
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Stuart Wing	Shell Energy
Andy Vale	Statoil
Rob Snow	Total
Andy Baynes (AB)	CSC
David Williamson (DW)	NGT
John Regan (JR)	NGT
Mark Nicolson (MN)	NGT
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##### Apologies

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##### Agenda

- Introductions
- Progress from last Shipper Working Group Meeting
- Actions from last Shipper Forum Meeting
- Issue Classification Approach
- API Trials Update
- Contacts update
- Issues log
- MPLS
- Next Steps
- AOB

The Shipper Working Group (SWG) met to discuss the Issue Classification Approach, Issues log, MPLS and receive updates on the API Trials and progress of Contacts.

The following is intended to capture the salient points made at the meeting, including questions raised and agreements made, followed by actions.

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### Workshop Content

#### Progress from last Shipper Working Group Meeting

MN reviewed and updated the actions from the previous SWG meeting. The following actions received further discussion:

**SWG39:** NGT to consider issuing a generic file format for the View Data facility

DW sent out an e-mail further explaining the View Data facility on 17<sup>th</sup> March, the only remaining query is whether it can be run across multiple scrolling screens.

#### Actions from last Shipper Forum Meeting

MN reviewed and updated the actions from the previous Shipper Forum meeting.

**SF39:** NGT to facilitate a day of high-volume testing and to publish what they expect the server to be able to support on that day

MN stated that Performance Measures shared in the Shipper Acceptance Criteria Document will be indicative of Shipper Trial performance. The activity numbers in the Shipper Trials environment will match that held in Production up to and including 4 April 2005.

**SF47:** Shipper Trial environment to remain accessible until go-live to enable the APIs to function

MN confirmed that the Shipper Trials environment will remain accessible until go-live with support being offered on a 'best endeavours' basis. NGT are considering offering an additional supported 2-week trial period during September.

**SF51:** NGT to report the magnitude of the changes in the invoicing file format specifications

DW presented the high-level changes to the invoicing file format specifications, which are few. Further detail will be presented at the Shipper Forum in April.

#### Issue Classification Approach

MN reviewed the Issue Classification Approach; the following suggestions were made:

- The Issues log should be updated regularly whilst an issue is still live (NG)
- P1 and P2 issues should be resolved prior to implementation, P3 issues should be fixed during post-implementation; P4 and P5 issues should be passed to xoserve for consideration in future releases (MR)
- The same approach will be adopted should NGT commercial operations report any issues, with industry impact analysis being performed and the issue being brought to the Shipper Working Group (MC/JR)

NGT will amend the document and send to the Shipper Community before the next Shipper Forum (*SWG88*)

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### API Trials Update

DW presented the API Trials update, stating that the information given will form part of the API participation pack to be distributed in early April.

- MR suggested highlighting the dates when the material is presented at the Shipper Forum
- MC advised NGT to explain what the 'extra support required' indicated, using the 'System Status Information' API as an constructive example

### **API System Testing Report**

NG requested further information on the defects found during Phase 1 testing, specifically what the defects were and how long they took to resolve

### **User Migration for go-live**

There was some discussion around the total number of user ids, the quantity held per user and their inactivity level. DW suggested omitting the migration of ids which had been inactive longer than 12 months, and was advised to write to individual LSOs regarding the housekeeping.

DW reported that the user id migration will be rehearsed in the Shipper Trials period.

### Contacts update

ZK presented a summary of contacts made with the Shipper Community so far, highlighting the improvement of positive e-mail responses and the number of Shippers prepared to participate in key activities.

### Issues log

The issues log was covered during the Issue Classification Approach

### MPLS

AB presented further information on MPLS including the implementation plan for the 49 sites targeted to receive it before Shipper Trials.

His presentation answered the following queries:

**SWG77:** NGT to report on whether the use of MPLS will introduce a single point of failure

MPLS will not introduce a single point of failure for those Shippers who have two leased lines, and therefore 2 routers. This will mean that the use of MPLS will maintain a single point of failure where one already exists, i.e. for those Shippers who have only one leased line, and therefore a single router.

Questions arose from individual Shippers about their need for a replacement for XP1; AB to contact those Shippers directly to discuss further options (SWG89).

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**SWG78:** NGT to consider the effect of MPLS on AT-LINK

AB responded that MPLS should have no effect on AT-Link. The I.P. addresses will probably change, but the I'X team will deal with these changes. XP1 will remain whilst AT-Link is still operable.

### **Any Other Business**

MN mentioned that the Training Schedule has been posted on the Gemini Shippers website. Initial take-up has been good, with 59 courses being booked across all courses during the first 3 days of the schedule being made public.

Feedback from members of the Shipper Working Group who attended the Pilot Training course was very positive. The only major issue seemed to be with the environment. The Training team are preparing answers to the questions which arose; these will be distributed.

MR asked about the training required for the Exit Regime. No further detail is available at this stage.

***Meeting Closed***