

The Directors and Shareholders of Crogga are disappointed to note that the Manx Green Party continue to broadcast their unsubstantiated views that the development of the valuable Manx natural gas resources located off our coast will involve Fracking.

The Green Party continue to communicate their misleading view, in spite of the assurances given over the last year from Crogga, the Chief Minister and the Government Senior Energy Advisor that the reservoir rocks containing the gas do not require Fracking and nor would consent be granted to do so.

The view of the Green Party has no basis in geological fact. The offshore natural gas reserves that are being appraised by Crogga Limited are contained within conventional sandstone reservoirs, deposited over a mile beneath the seabed, from which gas is expected to flow naturally. Furthermore, the use of the Fracking techniques typically applied in the onshore industry in Lancashire to recover gas from shale would result in extensive damage to the reservoir rocks and hinder the commercial recovery of gas. Therefore, we would like to reassure the Manx public that Fracking will not be used as a technique to produce the Manx offshore natural gas reserves.

We would also like to assure the general public that the future production of the Manx Natural Gas reserves will not cause meaningful damage to the sea life or seabed of the biosphere, nor contravene the biosphere status. All appraisal and development works will be carried out to the highest environmental standards in accordance with the latest European environmental legislation, acknowledged to be the benchmark for the worldwide offshore industry.

Crogga Limited is a Manx Company, managed by Manx professionals and funded almost exclusively by local Manx Investors. Crogga has a vision to develop the Island's valuable low-carbon natural gas resources to the benefit of all the Islands stakeholders. Crogga is committed to delivering the energy resources of the Isle of Man in a way that protects its environment, community and way of life, while helping to deliver economic growth for the Island and assists the transition to a future zero carbon.

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