Gas release occurred on development well on the Tunu field of offshore Mahakam Block in East Kalimantan, Indonesia

INPEX CORPORATION announces that a shallow gas release occurred on development well on the Tunu field lying in offshore Mahakam Block located in East Kalimantan, Indonesia on Friday 8th November 2013.

According to the project operator Total E&P Inodonesie(TOTAL), on 8th November 2013 a shallow gas release occurred on well TN-C414, operated by TOTAL and being drilled using Raissa rig on the Tunu field in Anggana Sub-District, Kutai Kartanegara District, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. The gas being released is coming from “Shallow gas” consisting of natural gas pocket contained in a geological formation located very close to the surface with no evidence of liquids.

There are no injury reported and all onboard personnel were safely evacuated from the rig to neighboring accommodation facilities. The shallow gas release incident is at present being closely monitored and there is no fire declared. The area is fully secured by observation vessels. At this stage, based on an aerial survey, there is no evidence of oil spill around the area.

TOTAL is currently deploying all necessary resources to mitigate this incident which was reported to the relevant authorities.

At this stage, there is no major impact of the incident on the gas production of Mahakam Block.

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