

# Statoil New Zealand 2014 annual report of iwi and hapū engagement

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## Purpose

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This report provides you with details of Statoil's engagement with Te Taitokerau iwi and hapū.

The report covers the period of 13 months from the announcement of Statoil's Northland/Reinga permit in December 2013 to 31 December 2014 and is provided in accordance with section 33C of the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

## Statoil's approach to iwi and hapū engagement

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Statoil's approach to iwi and hapū engagement recognises the importance of early and open engagement. It also recognises that Statoil had no prior knowledge or understanding of the local iwi and hapū and their perspectives in relation to the oil and gas sector, or any pre-existing relationships in the region.

The objective of our initial engagement has been to listen, learn and understand more about the local perspective. It has meant starting small and taking incremental steps to widen the engagement, which can be informed by on-the-ground guidance on who and how to engage. The goal is to engage to establish the basis to inform and involve.

Statoil has adopted this approach in response to a number of challenges and uncertainties it identified in relation to engaging with iwi in Northland.

<b>Uncertainty/challenge</b>	<b>Statoil's response</b>
Statoil had no prior knowledge or understanding of the local iwi and their perspectives in relation to the oil and gas sector, nor did it have relationships with key people in the region.	Listen, learn, and seek to understand more about local perspectives. Start small and take incremental steps to widen the engagement taking guidance from local people.
Local iwi knowledge and experience of the oil and gas industry is low.	Build the basis to inform and educate Be proactive in providing information. Work with others, such as the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand and New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals to build knowledge about the wider industry and regulatory environment. Maintain an open door policy for information requests, and respond promptly.
Statoil's work programme is long term.	Invest the time and resources necessary to develop understanding over the life time of the project.

There are a number of matters demanding the time and resources of Northland iwi and the capacity for iwi to engage is already limited.	Be flexible with the mode of engagement and patient, (i.e. not all Statoil's requests to meet will be accepted the first time)
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Statoil sought local advice on iwi and hapū relations from SenateSHJ. It also took into account advice offered by various New Zealand Government agencies, including New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals, local government bodies, and the *Best Practice Guidelines for Engagement with Māori* developed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust.

## 2014 engagement highlights

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### **Successful early engagement**

Immediately following the award of the permit in December 2013, Statoil sought to establish its intention to be engaged and open. We did this by initiating a series of introductory meetings in Northland with local iwi leaders who held positions in the political realm or iwi representative authorities. We held those meetings within days of the permit being announced.

From this strong initial starting point we have been able to take deliberate and incremental steps to deepen and widen our engagement.

### **Ongoing commitment to regular engagement**

Since the initial introductory meetings in December, Vice President Pål Haremo and senior Statoil officials and experts have travelled to New Zealand in April, June, August and December 2014 to meet with iwi and hapū as well as others in the community.

Statoil has been proactive with providing iwi leaders with information relating to milestones in the work programme, which can be distributed more widely as those leaders see fit. We have also maintained an open door policy for information requests and invitations to meet, and responded to those as quickly and fully as possible.

### **Engagement with Te Rarawa**

Te Rarawa has been receptive to engaging with Statoil. While we respect that Te Rarawa is opposed to oil and gas exploration, its representatives have been willing to talk to us, learn more about our plans and how they can be involved. This recently resulted in the placement of a member of Te Rarawa on the seismic survey vessel, as an iwi observer.

Te Rarawa has also facilitated wider discussions, so that more iwi can understand Statoil's plans. To this end, Te Rarawa hosted Te Taitokerau iwi/hapū and Statoil at a workshop in Kaitaia in August 2014.

### **The iwi observer on board the Aquila Explorer**

Te Rarawa requested that Statoil agree to allow an iwi representative on board the Aquila Explorer for five weeks while it conducted seismic testing. We provided funding to cover the iwi observer's costs while at sea, as well as Basic Offshore Survival Training (BOSIET) and essential equipment. The iwi observer reported on her experiences daily on a dedicated [Facebook page](#) and was able to answer questions from members of her iwi and hapū.

### **Appointment of Country Manager**

We recognise that the ability to regularly engage face-to-face with iwi is important. An essential part of maintaining momentum has been the appointment of Bryn Kløve as Country Manager. A key focus for Mr Kløve will be to spend time in Northland meeting people, building relationships, and answering questions. It also means there is always someone from Statoil for iwi to speak with.

## **Record of engagement**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Mode of engagement</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Iwi/grouping represented (either formally or informally)</b> [Note names of iwi and hapū have been removed to protect individuals' privacy]
December 2013	Face to face	Introductory meeting with a group of iwi leaders	
December 2013	Face to face	Introductory meeting	
December 2013	Written correspondence	Follow up to introductory meeting. Information on New Zealand presence	
March 2014	Written correspondence	Statoil invitation to meet	
April 2014	Face to face	Follow up meeting	
May 2014	Written correspondence and briefing paper	Information sharing. Notification of a work programme milestone	
June 2014	Open public forum	Public hui	

	Face to face		
June 2014	Face to face	Meeting to discuss information sharing and iwi monitoring arrangements	
June 2014	Written correspondence	Follow up to June public meeting Offer to meet again	
July 2014	Written correspondence	Statoil invitation to meet to provide update on work programme and hear any concerns	
August 2014	Workshop setting Face to face	Workshop hosted by Te Runanga o Te Rarawa	
August 2014	Face to face	Meeting to further discuss hapū concerns	
August 2014	Written correspondence	Follow up correspondence to August workshop	
November 2014	Written correspondence	Notification of a work programme milestone	
November 2014	Written correspondence	Notification of the appointment of a Country Manager	
December 2014	Face to face	Hui hosted by New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals	
December 2014	Face to face	Ongoing discussions	
December 2014	Written correspondence	Follow up correspondence to December hui	

## Next steps

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In 2015 we plan to deepen the existing relationships we have with iwi, extend our engagement to iwi we have not met yet, and to continue building the basis to inform and involve.

We have attended a two day workshop in February that was hosted and facilitated by Te Rarawa and included other Te Hiku iwi. We sent a large delegation led by Vice President Pål Haremo and included experts in sound and marine mammals, as well as experience in indigenous engagement from Alaska.

We will also work with iwi on projects that will be mutually beneficial. One such project could be a study that will help us understand and identify sites of spiritual significance (wahi tapu) and ensure we incorporate cultural knowledge into our operations planning.

In addition our Country Manager will regularly visit Northland to meet with iwi, provide more information and answer any questions iwi may have.