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IOGP releases updated version of the Guidelines for the conduct of offshore drilling hazard site surveys

(London) A properly-conducted drilling hazard site survey for an offshore drilling location is essential to minimize the risk of harm to personnel and equipment and to protect the natural environment.

In 2013, IOGP published the *Guidelines for the conduct of offshore drilling hazard site surveys* ('Guidelines'; IOGP Report No. 373-18-1) that describes good practice for conducting geophysical and hydrographic site surveys of proposed offshore drilling locations. In 2015 IOGP issued a supplementary report *Conduct of offshore drilling hazard site surveys – Technical Notes* ('Technical Notes'; IOGP Report No. 373-18-2) that provides supporting technical information.

IOGP has now published an update to the Guidelines, reflecting feedback on use of the original document from regulators from around the world, IOGP member companies, contractors, verification bodies and consultants. The document has also been reviewed to ensure alignment with the Technical Notes and other Geomatics Committee publications.

A dedicated Task Force of the IOGP's Geomatics Committee has worked closely with marine survey industry representatives to review the feedback received. This resulting document reflects the continued development of drilling hazard site survey rationale and the latest technologies and techniques being applied for all relevant water depths and geological settings around the world. The document also includes an updated Glossary of terms.

While the Guidelines and the Technical Notes was developed for drilling hazard site surveys, the techniques described may also be applied in the planning and delivery of other types of seabed surveys, such as those for pipeline and cable routes.

Copies of the Guidelines and the Technical Notes can be downloaded free from the IOGP Bookstore at <http://www.iogp.org/bookstore>.

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