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OSPAR registration for Castrol Offshore

Castrol BioBar and BioStat have been OSPAR registered in Norway, allowing operators to take advantage of the products' enhanced environmental properties.

Changes to the Norwegian Activities Regulations introduced on 1st January 2010 require discharged lubricants and chemicals used in closed systems (including BOP fluids and hydraulic fluids) in amounts >3000kg per facility per year to be registered for use offshore in Norway. In anticipation of this, Castrol BioBar and BioStat were registered according to OSPAR requirements on the Norwegian CHEMS database. This provides Norwegian Operators with the opportunity to select environmentally responsible alternatives to conventional mineral oil products for use in their topside hydraulic systems and thrusters.

Castrol Offshore, the BP-owned specialist lubricant manufacturer, engineers the high specification BioBar topside hydraulic fluids and BioStat thruster lubricants for use as environmental drop-in replacements for conventional mineral oils in equipment where lubricant discharge occurs or hydraulic fluids are used in amounts >3000kg per facility per year. Their enhanced environmental properties ensure that their use assists Operators to reduce the environmental impact of their operations. Their synthetic composition increases performance and longevity in comparison to mineral oil counterparts.

Graham Rose, Sales Director of Global Aviation and Energy Lubricants for Castrol said: "We launched BioBar and BioStat in 2008, two years before the legislation came into effect, to ensure that our customers had access to OSPAR compliant products as early as possible. Sustainability is key to the future of the offshore industry, which is why both BioBar and BioStat boast reduced environmental impact when compared to conventional lubricants. Synthetic oils have a number of performance advantages over mineral equivalents: Castrol ranges provide superior biodegradation, significantly reduced bioaccumulation and toxicity, and enhanced renewability."

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