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Gemini - Shipper Fortnightly Progress Summary for Week Ending: 16 September 2005

Gemini	Previous Status	Green	Current Status	Green
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Summary

The Project is four weeks away from the start of Phased Cutover. Industry Engagement will see two further Shipper Forums to finalise Implementation details before Go-live.

Progress This Period

1. The retesting window between 30th August and 2nd September successfully completed with relevant issues closed
2. UK-Link Committee meeting was held on 8th September; raised concerns surrounding UK-Link Business Contingency arrangements. Committee agreed to raise concerns at Operational Forum
3. The Shipper Working Group was held on 13th September, updates were given on the Shipper Acceptance Criteria Validation Document, Implementation detail, Business Contingency and MPLS/XP1
 - The Shipper Acceptance Criteria Validation Document has been updated and shared with Shippers. Shippers are requested to respond with any current concerns with regard to acceptance of Gemini
 - Unease was felt over the ability to successfully complete Disaster Recovery tests prior to Go-live of Gemini
 - Concerns related to Business Contingency arrangements agreed the Operational Forum as relevant medium for discussion
4. Phase I of the MPLS Upgrade is now complete. Continued contact for Phase II has meant that proposed dates have now been received for the vast majority of the seventy-five sites. The first site's migration took place w/c 12th September
5. The Operational Forum was held on 15th September. Communication on Business Contingency arrangements confirmed the update of UK-Link Contingency fax proformas and procedures and raised the question of whether future development of electronic versions of the forms would be welcomed by Shippers. Existing fax proformas and procedures have been used from time to time by individual Shippers
6. Further details on the XP1 replacement for Gemini are included in the MPLS Update
7. Meeting held to finalise Market Operator's Readiness for Gemini go-live

Plans for Next Period

1. Further Disaster Recovery Tests
2. Preparation for the Shipper Forum 20th September meeting to include: -
 - Shipper Acceptance Criteria Validation Document
 - Industry Engagement
 - OAT Report
 - MPLS/XP1 update
 - Shipper Implementation Plan

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3. An Implementation Pack will be sent out, detailing all necessary arrangements to allow Shippers to go live with Gemini

Key Shipper Facing Milestone Summary Status

Milestone	Target Date	Status
Shipper Working Group	13/09/2005	Completed
Shipper Forum	20/09/2005	On Target
Shipper Working Group/Shipper Forum	06/10/2005	On Target
Start of Phased Cutover	11/10/2005	On Target
Implementation Date	18/10/2005	On Target

Risks/Issues

- None

Changes to RAG Status

- No change