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Gemini - Shipper Fortnightly Progress Summary for Week Ending: 17 June 2005

Gemini	Previous Status	Green	Current Status	Green
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Summary

The Project has entered into Shipper Trials. The majority of training courses have been delivered with only a few isolated courses still to be completed.

Progress This Period

1. Shipper Forum of 8th June discussed Early View API Trials, UCT completion, Shipper Trials Entry, MPLS, the Shipper Readiness document and Disaster Recovery
 - Shippers were asked if they had any reason for not progressing into Shipper Trials; no comments were received. Shipper confidence is indicated to move into Shipper Trials
 - MPLS - Shipper Trials are due to start with approximately half those Shippers requiring an upgrade complete. Shipper concerns were primarily regarding the required outage time for the cutover from the existing I'X line to MPLS. Shippers can expect flexibility during this process
 - Internal discussions are taking place regarding using Gemini Entry Capacity functionality for the Exit Capacity Auctions
2. UK Link Committee held on 16th June
 - File format specifications were approved
 - The outages required for Disaster Recovery Test 6 have been rescheduled and are being presented for approval at July's UK-Link Committee. These are planned for 11th and 12th August, with contingency dates of 18th and 19th August
 - Implementation date of 18th October was approved
 - All outages except for the Implementation Day were approved. Some Shippers expressed concerns about the start time of outage and how the information transfer will be managed during the outage
3. Training for Shippers completed on 17th June. Those Shippers requiring training should have completed their courses by now. Training courses for New Shippers will be held in September and October; spare places will be offered to Shippers who have missed training. Please contact Angela Whitlock on 07787 967997 for further information
4. Discussions regarding Confidentiality Agreements to enable use of Multiple BA Functionality in Gemini are progressing with individual Shippers
 - 2 shippers started Shipper Trials with this functionality with an additional Shipper having been added during the first week
5. The 5th July has been confirmed for the high-volume testing day during Shipper Trials; this day will be scripted, with details being distributed w/c 27th June

Plans for Next Period

1. Prepare for Shipper Working Group and Shipper Forum 6th/14th July: -
 - Shipper Trial Progress (update and participation)
 - Update on high-volume testing
 - End of Training Report

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Key Shipper Facing Milestone Summary Status

Milestone	Target Date	Status
Deliver External End User Gemini training	18/04/2005	Completed 17/06/05
Deliver External Train the Trainer Gemini training	25/04/2005	Completed 13/05/05
External Shippers Delivering Own Training	16/05/2005	On Target
Shipper Working Group	01/06/2005	Completed
Shipper Forum	08/06/2005	Completed
Shipper Trial Start	13/06/2005	Started 13/06/05
UK Link Committee Approval of File formats	16/06/2005	Completed
High-volume testing day	05/07/2005	On Target
Shipper Working Group	06/07/2005	On Target
Shipper Forum	14/07/2005	On Target
Implementation Date	18/10/2005	On Target

Risks/Issues

- None

Changes to RAG Status

- No change