

## Gemini 2008 Summer Release (UKL13950) Update

### **Progression to Implementation Stage**

The Gemini Summer Release is continuing to progress well, and now entering into the last phase of the project.

User Acceptance Testing was successfully completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 (1 day ahead of planned) after over 6 weeks of dedicated User Acceptance Testing from the relevant business areas. A total of 395 test cases were executed, with no outstanding faults.

This change will now be combined with the Revised LDZ Shrinkage Arrangements Reform (UKL13958) in order that extended Gemini outages are minimised.

Pre-Implementation assurance activities are scheduled to be undertaken for two weeks prior to implementation; weeks commencing 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

The xoserve implementation activities are on schedule to enable implementation on the agreed date of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2008. This will necessitate an outage to the Gemini production system between 4am and 9am (with a contingency of 11am if a roll-back of code is required) which has been approved at UK Link Committee. Additionally, a contingency implementation date has been established, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008, and plans have been developed should a contingency implementation be required.

The Gemini changes necessitate a number of amendments to National Grid systems; these changes will be implemented in a coordinated approach with the Gemini deployment. Both organisations are working closely to ensure alignment of associated activities.

A further update will be provided prior to implementation.

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