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Hornsea (Round 3, Zone 4) Offshore Wind Farm: Project Two (Planning Inspectorate Reference EN010053) ("the Application") - Update regarding Cooperation with Project One and submission of updated Statement of Reasons

On 30 January 2015 SMart Wind Limited, acting as agent on behalf of Optimus Wind Limited and Breesea Limited (together "the Applicant") submitted the Application for the Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm Project Two ("Project Two") The Application was accepted for Examination on 19 February 2015 and its Examination is now underway.

In its response to Deadline IIA, the Applicant confirmed to the Examining Authority that on 21 August 2015 DONG Energy Power (UK) Limited ("DONG Energy") completed the purchase of all of the issued share capital of Optimus Wind Limited, Breesea Limited and SMart Wind Limited. The Applicant confirmed that as such DONG Energy is now the sole owner of those companies. The Applicant also confirmed that whilst there has been a change in ultimate ownership, the identity of the Applicant remains the same and SMart Wind will continue to act as agent on behalf of the joint applicants Optimus Wind Limited and Breesea Limited. A letter confirming the same and providing additional narrative was provided at Appendix U to that response.

The Applicant also confirmed that, as a result of the purchase, Project Two and Hornsea Project One now have the same ultimate owners.

In light of the above information, and in advance of the Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings scheduled to take place next week, the Applicant felt it appropriate to update the Examining Authority with the information described below.

Update on cooperation between Project Two and Project One

The Applicant and the Project One Companies have been in constructive discussions to manage the interfaces between the Project Two and Project One and further to these discussions the Applicant encloses with this letter -

- A signed Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and the Hornsea Project One Companies (Appendix A); and
- Memoranda of Understanding between the Applicant and the Hornsea Project One Companies (included at Schedule 2 to the SoCG at Appendix A).

On the basis of the level of the agreement reached between the parties as detailed in the above documents, the Applicant understands that the Hornsea Project One Companies are writing to the Ex. A to confirm the withdrawal of all of their objections and representations previously made in respect of the Application.

Update to the Statement of Reasons

Due to the change in ultimate ownership of the Applicant, the Applicant considers it prudent to provide an update to the Statement of Reasons (PINS Doc ref No 6.1) which formed part of the Application. As such, the Applicant also encloses with this letter an Update to the Statement of Reasons at Appendix B.

The Applicant would be happy to answer any queries in relation to the above information at the upcoming Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings currently scheduled for the 15th, 16th 17th and 18th of September 2015.

Yours sincerely,



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