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ExAWQ1.02 Statements of Common Ground:
Applicant's Statement of Progress

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1 Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement has been prepared by GVA, on behalf of Tata Steel UK Limited (the Applicant), in relation to the Examining Authority's request for the Applicant to prepare Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) with a number of parties identified by the ExA.
- 1.2. Annex C of the ExA's Rule 8 letter, dated 18th December 2014, sets out the procedural decisions made by the ExA under Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008. Within this Annex, the ExA requests that Statement of Common Ground (SoCGs) are prepared by the Applicant and the following parties (unless all outstanding issues can be resolved through agreed Protective Provisions within Schedule 4 of the draft Development Consent Order):
- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC)
 - City and County of Swansea (CCS)
 - Carmarthen County Council (CCC)
 - Powys County Council (PCC)
 - Rhondda Cynon Taf County and Borough Council (RCTCBC)
 - Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC)
 - Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA)
 - National Resources Wales (NRW)
 - Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW)
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)
 - National Grid Gas (NGG)
 - Coal Authority (CA)
 - Network Rail (NR)
 - Royal Mail Group (RMG)
 - Welsh Government Highways (WG)

- Associated British Ports (ABP)
- Western Power Distribution (WPD)

1.3. The schedule provided in section 2 of this statement sets out the current progress made by the Applicant in agreeing Statements of Common Ground with the parties identified by the ExA.

2 Schedule of Progress on Statements of Common Ground

SoCG Party	Current Progress (as at 15 th January 2015)
<p>Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council ('NPTCBC')</p>	<p>Discussions have taken place with NPTCBC following submission of the application.</p> <p>The SoCG is expected to cover the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality • Noise • Visual impact • Ecology • Highway network • Ground contamination • Socio economic impacts
<p>City & County of Swansea ('CCS')</p>	<p>Dialogue with CCS confirmed that further evidence will be provided in Council's Written Representation on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio economic impacts; • Landscape and visual impacts; • Ecological impacts; • Air quality impacts; • Surface water environment impacts. <p>Written representations are awaited by the applicant prior to a draft SoCG being prepared.</p> <p>A telephone conversation with CCS confirmed that dialogue on the SoCG will commence following Deadline 1.</p>
<p>Carmarthen County Council ('CCC')</p>	<p>Telephone conversation with CCC on 3rd December 2014 confirmed that the Council do not consider a SoCG will be necessary.</p> <p>The Applicant will confirm this with CCC and provide a further update following Deadline 1.</p>
<p>Powys County Council ('PCC')</p>	<p>The Applicant does not consider a SoCG with PCC will be necessary as PCC has not submitted any formal representations on the application.</p> <p>An e-mail has been sent to PCC to confirm this position. A response is awaited.</p>
<p>Rhondda Cynon Taf</p>	<p>Telephone conversation with RCTCBC on 9th January 2015 confirmed that RCTCBC do not consider a SoCG will be</p>

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County Borough Council ('RCTCBC')	<p>necessary.</p> <p>An e-mail has been sent to RCTCBC to confirm this position in writing. A response is awaited.</p>
Bridgend County Borough Council ('BCBC')	<p>The Applicant does not consider a SoCG with BCBC will be necessary as BCBC has not submitted any formal representations to the application.</p> <p>The Applicant will formally confirm this with BCBC and provide a further update following Deadline 1.</p>
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority ('BBNPA')	<p>Telephone conversation with BBNPA on 3rd December 2014 confirmed that the Authority do not consider a SoCG will be necessary.</p> <p>The Applicant will formally confirm this with BBNPA and provide a further update following Deadline 1.</p>
Natural Resources Wales ('NRW')	<p>The applicant and NRW are currently in discussions regarding a SoCG.</p> <p>The applicant received a revised draft of the SoCG from NRW on 9 January 2015 which is currently being reviewed by the applicant with a view to an agreed SoCG being submitted to the Examining Authority shortly.</p>
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water ('DCWW')	<p>The Applicant is in dialogue with DCWW regarding the protective envelope which DCWW require around the Afan Valley trunk sewer.</p> <p>The outcome of this dialogue will provide the basis for a SoCG.</p>
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc / National Grid Gas ('National Grid')	<p>It is not anticipated that a SoCG will be required between the Applicant and National Grid as matters will instead be dealt with through protective provisions included in the DCO. National Grid may also require the Applicant to enter into an Asset Protection Agreement.</p> <p>National Grid provided the applicant with draft Protective Provisions on 8th January 2015. The applicant is currently in dialogue with National Grid on the wording of the suggested provisions and the inclusion of those provisions within the DCO.</p>
Coal Authority	<p>As per the Applicant's responses to the ExA's First Written Questions 1.05 and 1.14, the Applicant contacted the Coal Authority on the 21st November 2014 via email and advised</p>

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	<p>that site investigation works are ongoing at the site of the proposed development and that these works would confirm whether coal deposits are present in the area beneath the proposed development, and if so, the extent and depth of the coal present.</p> <p>The Applicant offered to present an interim report to the Coal Authority in early 2015. The Coal Authority responded on the 3rd December 2014 by e-mail confirming that the site investigation works were welcomed and that the Coal Authority would like to receive the results in early 2015.</p> <p>The Coal Authority has confirmed that it will enter into a SoCG on this basis.</p>
Network Rail	<p>It is not anticipated that a SoCG will be required between the Applicant and Network Rail as matters will be dealt with through a side agreement on the necessary rights across Network Rail land; protective provisions included in the DCO; and an Asset Protection Agreement.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's Written Question 1.03.</p>
Royal Mail Group	<p>On 9 January 2015 Royal Mail Group confirmed to the applicant that it is currently reviewing the DCO application documents and that it will advise the applicant of its position in respect of any further mitigation measures that may be required in respect of any impacts of construction traffic on Royal Mail operations in the Port Talbot area, and in particular the Port Talbot Delivery Office in Eagle Street.</p> <p>Dialogue with respect to a SoCG will commence once Royal Mail Group's further response is received.</p>
Welsh Government Highways	<p>The Applicant has spoken with the Welsh Government and has agreed to engage further to discuss the need for a SoCG following Deadline 1.</p> <p>Initial discussions with the Welsh Government have suggested that, as highway impacts will be controlled through a Traffic Management Plan (TMP), a SoCG on this issue may not be necessary.</p>
Associated British Ports ('ABP')	<p>The applicant is in ongoing discussions with ABP.</p> <p>The Applicant is awaiting ABP's approval of dry weather flow calculations developed in response to ABP's concerns over impacts on the dock from the additional consumptive abstraction. Once approved, the calculations will form the</p>

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	basis of a SOCG which is currently being drafted for ABP 's comment.
Western Power Distribution ('WPD')	<p>The Applicant is in on-going discussions with WPD regarding the protective provisions to be included in the DCO and the terms of any agreement that may be required between the parties, particularly regarding the modifications to WPD's substations (Grange and Cefn Gwrgan) that form Work No. 2 of the authorised development.</p> <p>On this basis, the Applicant does not consider that a SoCG with WPD will be necessary as any matters to be agreed will be addressed through the protective provisions in the DCO or through a side agreement between the parties.</p>