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From:

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The Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm Order 2020 (the Order)

Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 14: Plan for Work of the Offshore Ornithology Engagement Group (OOEG) and Paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 14: Plan for Work of the Benthic Compensation Steering Group

Dear Alex,

Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited (**Hornsea Three**) is writing to you in relation to the enclosed plans for the work of the OOEG for the kittiwake compensation measures and the Benthic Compensation Steering Group for the benthic compensation measures required by Schedule 14 of the Order (**Plans of Work**).

The Order requires the Plans of Work to be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of State prior to commencement of the authorised development. The Plan of Work must include the details listed in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of paragraph 2 and paragraph 10 relating to terms of reference, membership, scheduling of meetings and timetabling for preparation of the Kittiwake Implementation and Monitoring Plan and Sandbanks Implementation Plans and related reporting and review periods, plus the dispute mechanism.

Hornsea Three has prepared the Plans of Work following consultation with the members of the OOEG and Benthic Compensation Steering Group. The Plans of Work have been ratified by all core members of both groups (ratification letters enclosed). Core members of the OOEG, as named in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 14 of the Order, are Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) also attend the OOEG as a core member. Core members of the Benthic Compensation Steering Group, as named in Paragraph 14 of Part 2 of Schedule 14 of the Order, are Natural England, the MMO and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) in relation to the North Norfolk Sandbanks and Saturn Reef Special Area of Conservation.

Hornsea Three herein provide the Plans of Work for the Secretary of State's approval pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 10 of the Order.

If you have any queries in relation to the Plans of Work or this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Eleni Antoniou (<u>elean@orsted.co.uk</u>) or Rosalyn Jones (<u>rosjn@orsted.co.uk</u>).

On behalf of Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited

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