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Dear Sir or Madam

**Planning Act 2008: Proposed Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm
Response to Examining Authority's Rule 8 Letter**

The MMO is an interested party for the examination of Development Consent Order (DCO) applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the marine area. Should consent be granted for the project, the MMO will be responsible for monitoring, compliance and enforcement of Deemed Marine Licence (DML) conditions.

On 30 July 2018, the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received notice under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "PA 2008") that the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") had accepted an application made by Vattenfall Wind Power Limited (the "Applicant") for a development consent order (the "DCO Application") (MMO ref: DCO/2016/00003; PINS ref: EN010084), for the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm (TEOWF).

The MMO attended an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on 12 December 2018. On 18 December 2018 the MMO received a Rule 8 letter for the proposed development. In response to this letter, the MMO provides its Written Representation and submits the following:

1. **Summary of Relevant Representation (please see enclosed document '*EN010084 - Thanet Ext Deadline 1 - MMO Relevant Representation Summary*')**
2. **Response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) first round of Written Questions (please see enclosed document '*EN010084 – Thanet Ext Deadline 1 – MMO ExQ1*')**
3. **Notification of intention to speak at any of the further Issue Specific Hearings (ISH)**

This representation is submitted without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application throughout the examination process. This representation is also submitted without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of

authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.

The MMO advises it had no representation to make at the ISH2 (Marine, Shipping, Navigation and Safety Issues) on 12 December 2018. Notwithstanding this, the MMO is available for further comment and engagement with the relevant parties on such matters if required.

Notification to attend ISH

At present, the MMO is not planning to attend ISH5 or ISH6 on 20 February 2019. The MMO is also not planning to attend ISH3. However, this may be reviewed following publication by the ExA of the finalised agenda for these hearings; upon which the MMO will provide written confirmation of its intention to PINS. In addition, the MMO will attend and speak at the Development Consent Order ISH (ISH7) on 21 February 2019.

Comments on Relevant Representation made by Natural England (NE)

The MMO supports NE's request in its relevant representation (section 5, page 15), for the inclusion of a condition to ensure the production of a Site Integrity Plan (SIP) to ensure that any mitigation deemed necessary in order to avoid an adverse effect on the integrity of the Southern North Sea candidate Special Area of Conservation can be adequately defined and secured on the DMLs. The MMO would welcome further discussion with the applicant on how this can be secured.

Yours sincerely,



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