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The Applicant's response to Deadline 4B

Dear Ms Mignano,

The Applicant is pleased to provide its response to Deadline 4B, required for submission by 17.00, Friday 5 March 2019.

These documents have been prepared by the Applicant in response to the revised Rule 8 letter issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 4 April 2019. All submissions are listed in the updated Guide to the Application (Appendix 8).

Submissions requested by the ExA for Deadline 4B

As requested in the Examination timetable, Annex A to the Rule 8(3) letter, the following documents have been submitted:

- An NRA Addendum (Appendix 1)
- An addendum to the Environmental Statement (Appendix 3)
- Other documents supporting the SEZ:
 - Review of all Application Documents (Appendix 2)
 - An Addendum to the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (Appendix 4)
 - Revised Crown Land Plan (Appendix 5)
 - Revised Extinguishment of Public Rights of Navigation Plan (Appendix 6)
 - Revised Radar Line of Sight Plan (Appendix 7)

Relevant submissions made at Deadline 4

In accordance with the Rule 8 letter issued on 1 March 2019, the Applicant submitted details of the request for a change to the Application along with supporting information demonstrating the rationale behind the SEZ (Appendix 14) and a review of the Environmental Statement (Appendix 23).

The Applicant also submitted:

- A revised DCO reflecting the introduction of the SEZ (Appendix 2) and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum (Appendix 7)

- Updated Offshore Works Plan which included the SEZ (Appendix 24)
- An ornithological position paper on Red-Throated Diver which took the SEZ in account (Appendix 19)

Further information was not provided at Deadline 4 with respect to the NRA as in order to provide a robust review of the hazard scoring, the Applicant arranged a Hazard workshop with Interested Parties (IPs) on 29 March 2019. This was considered to be the earliest feasible opportunity following introduction of the SEZ. The workshop enabled a review of the hazards associated with the inshore route with input from relevant local stakeholders.

The detail of the SEZ was sent to IPs on 19 March and was followed up by meetings and teleconferences with IPs on 21, 22 and 24 March. At these meetings the rationale for the SEZ was provided in greater detail with opportunity for feedback and questions on the approach taken. The Applicant also presented the suggested approach to the Hazard workshop and the content of the NRA Addendum, including the commitment to providing outputs from the workshop early in the week commencing 1 April. Comments were sought on this and there was general agreement to the approach proposed (set out in further detail in Appendix 1 to Deadline 4B).

With regard to the ES, an initial assessment was presented at Deadline 4, however it was considered that it would be beneficial to undertake a more detailed review of the implications of the SEZ on relevant assessments; this included a review of the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment was undertaken following conversations with IPs. This and other addendums are now presented at Deadline 4B.

We apologise for the delay in submitting this material but assure the ExA that the Applicant has been engaged with the IPs who are aware of the work that is being undertaken in respect of, in particular, the NRA addendum. We considered that the ExA would be best assisted by presenting the addendum based on discussions that took place at that workshop on 29 March. We also considered that the material relating to the ES and RIAA was more helpfully presented together following discussions with IPs.

Draft DCO tracked changes version

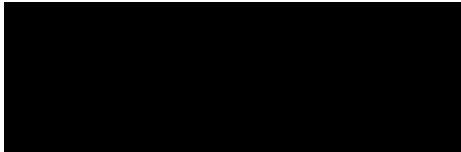
It has come to the Applicants attention that the tracked change version of the draft DCO submitted as Annex A to Appendix 2 at Deadline 4 (PINS ref: REP4-004) did not contain full tracked changes. As such a version with all changes shown is submitted as Appendix 9 to Deadline 4B.

Email submission of documents

The documentation submitted at Deadline 4B is being sent via email to the PINS Thanet Extension address. These emails will be numbered and will each contain a document or documents under 12mb in size.

Should there be any queries or issues with the documents submitted please contact myself.

Kind regards



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