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Dear Sirs

Norfolk Boreas Limited
Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm
Application Ref: EN010087

Deadline 1 Submissions

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019 (the **Rule 8 letter**). In accordance with the examination timetable at Annex A of the Rule 8 letter, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 1:

1. Post-hearing documents including written submissions of oral cases
2. Revised draft DCO and Schedule of Changes
3. Applicant's updated HRA Matrices to inform the RIES
4. Nominations of suggested locations and justifications for site inspections for consideration by the Examining Authority (**ExA**)
5. Other information as requested by the ExA (see below).

The Applicant refers the ExA to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.4 (Version 3)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1.

Action Points from DCO hearing

The Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 1 - Development Consent Order were published on 14 November 2019, and are to be addressed by Deadline 2. However, the Applicant has been able to address several action points for Deadline 1. This includes:

- At Action Point 3, the ExA requested that the Applicant clarifies the offshore Order Limits for Scenario 2 on the Land Plans Offshore. The Applicant has updated the Land Plans (Offshore) and included this in the submission at Deadline 1 (document reference 2.2).

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- At Action Point 4, the ExA requested a definition of remedial work. This has been included within the updated Outline Code of Construction Practice submitted at Deadline 1 (document reference 8.1 / APP-692).
- At Action Point 5, the ExA requested that the Applicant capitalise the word "Part" throughout the DCO when referring to part of the Order. This has now been amended throughout the revised draft DCO (document reference 3.1 / APP-020).
- At Action Point 7, the ExA requested the Applicant to review and clarify Associated Development not required for Scenario 2. The Applicant has reviewed this in the dDCO and, as confirmed through the Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Case at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (document reference ExA.ISH1.D1.V1), the full list of Associated Development is required under both Scenario 1 and Scenario 2. Accordingly, no change has been made to the dDCO.
- At Action Point 8, the ExA requested the Applicant to review the layout of the dDCO with a view to separating out Associated Development more clearly. The Applicant has reviewed other DCOs and has inserted additional headings to clarify this at Schedule 1 of the dDCO, submitted for Deadline 1 (document reference 3.1 / APP-020).
- At Action Point 10, the ExA requested the Applicant to consider whether both the words 'necessary' and 'expedient' in item (p) of Associated Development are required. As outlined in the Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO (document reference ExA.Sch.D0.V2), the Applicant has removed the words 'necessary or expedient' from item (p) of the dDCO submitted at Deadline 1.
- At Action Point 12, the ExA asked the Applicant and Breckland Council to work together to decide how much detail on design and function should be secured for the substations and environs in the dDCO. Dialogue on this matter is ongoing and the Applicant expects to provide a full response for Deadline 2; in the interim, the Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Case at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (document reference ExA.ISH1.D1.V1) contains the Applicant's initial response.
- At Action Point 13, the ExA asked the Applicant to consider how temporary compounds are illustrated in application plans with a view to providing clarity around maximum dimensions of the temporary compound. The Applicant has inserted further parameters within Requirement 16(15) of the dDCO to specify the maximum area of temporary works compounds; this is included within the dDCO, submitted for Deadline 1 (document reference 3.1 / APP-020).
- At Action Point 19, the ExA asked the Applicant to liaise with the Coal Authority and confirm if the Coal Authority is content with an informative note being included in the Outline Code of Construction Practice. The Applicant has liaised with the Coal Authority and can confirm that the Coal Authority is content for wording to be included in the Outline Code of Construction Practice, and this has therefore been included in the version submitted at Deadline 1 accordingly. The Applicant understands that the Coal Authority has written to the Planning Inspectorate to confirm their agreement to this separately.
- At Action Point 20, the ExA asked the Applicant to provide written responses to those items set out in the first Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order which were not covered in the hearing. The Applicant has included responses to all matters raised with the Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Case at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (document reference ExA.ISH1.D1.V1) submitted at Deadline 1.

Action Points from ISH 2 hearing

The Applicant has also been in a position to address the following actions, arising from the Issue Specific Hearing 2 into environmental matters as published in the Action Points on 15 November 2019:

- At Action Point 2, the ExA requested (by Deadline 2) that the Applicant include site-specific watercourse crossing plans in the Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP) to expand on draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) requirement 25 'Watercourse crossings'. The

Applicant has included a commitment to producing the plans in the OCoCP submitted at Deadline 1 (document reference: 8.1 / APP-692).

- At Action Point 3, the ExA requested (by Deadline 1) the Applicant to provide a Post Hearing Clarification Note on trenchless crossings. This information has been included in 'Clarification Note on Trenchless Crossings and Potential Effects of Breakout on the River Wensum' (document reference: ExA.AS-3.D1.V1), along with an assessment of potential effects of drilling fluid breakout on the River Wensum, which has been submitted at Deadline 1.
- At Action Point 9, the ExA requested (by Deadline 2) a checklist of compliance with the East Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans. The Applicant has included this check list for Deadline 1 (document reference: ExA.AS-4.D1.V1).
- At Action Point 10 the ExA requested (by Deadline 2), the final Seabed Mobility Study. The Applicant has included this document for Deadline 1 (document reference: ExA.AS-4.D1.V1).
- At Action Point 12, the ExA requested (by Deadline 2) that the Applicant update the Site Integrity Plan (SIP) with the additional information discussed at the hearing. The Applicant has updated the Outline Norfolk Boreas Haisborough Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation Site Integrity Plan accordingly and submitted this at Deadline 1 (document reference 8.20 / APP-711).
- At Action Point 18, the ExA requested (by Deadline 2) that the Applicant append the letter of no impediment for Great Crested Newts (dated 9 September) from Natural England within the updated Outline Landscape and Ecological Strategy (OLEMS). The Applicant has included this letter within the revised OLEMS submitted at Deadline 1 (document reference 8.7 / APP-698).

The Applicant proposes to include a table within the Deadline 2 submissions in order to signpost where each of the Issue Specific Hearing Action Points have been addressed.

Book of Reference

As proposed in the Applicant's response to Section 51 Advice (AS-001), the Applicant has submitted an updated Book of Reference at Deadline 1 (document reference 4.3).

Other points to note

The Outline Traffic Management Plan (document reference 8.8 / APP-699) submitted with this Deadline 1 contains 53 figures. In view of the Planning Inspectorate's limit on electronic document submissions, the Applicant has reduced the file sizes of these figures accordingly. This, however, means that the quality of the figures is not as clear as the original version. If the ExA therefore wishes to view the high-resolution version then the Applicant can arrange to send a USB device, or send the high-quality images across a number of separate emails, to the Planning Inspectorate. Please respond to the contact details above if this would be of assistance.

We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm safe receipt.

Yours faithfully

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