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FAO Norfolk Boreas Examining Authority

In response to the Examining Authorities Q2.3.0.32 re. the status of the Co-operation Agreement between Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited, Ørsted Wind Power A/S (hereafter referred to as Orsted), Cerulea Limited, Norfolk Vanguard Limited and Vattenfall Wind Power Limited – and if such an agreement will be concluded within the timeframe of the Norfolk Boreas Examination and the factors that determine the timescale for reaching such an agreement.

Orsted and the Applicant continue to discuss the terms of the cooperation agreement (and agreed form crossing agreements) and are looking to conclude discussions as soon as possible.

The nature of agreement, the number of parties and the future role of Offshore Transmission Owners (OFTO) in respect of the cables means the form of agreement is complex. Given the complexity of the arrangement and the number of parties, at this stage Orsted is unable to guarantee a date by which the agreement will be finalised. However it is mindful of the ongoing examination being held into the Norfolk Boreas project and the associated timeframes.

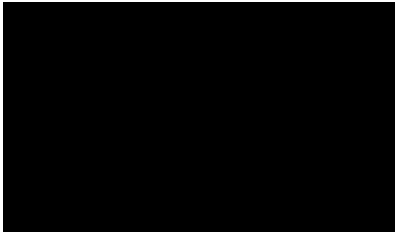
Consistent with the scope set out in the Statement of Common Ground between the two parties (**REP2-056**) Hornsea Project Three is already bound by relevant (draft) DCO requirements and a number of management plans that require the consideration of each projects in their delivery. Matters pertaining to construction management are not therefore then subsequently relied upon through the completion of the Co-operation Agreement. For example:-

- At the crossing point, common commitments around archaeological investigations to ensure that the approach to targeted geophysical survey and trial trenching is undertaken in a way which manages archaeological impacts from any interaction of the projects at the crossing point.
- Consistent approaches to the management of Reepham footpaths FP18 and FP34 – managed through Hornsea Project Three Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP).

- Consistent approaches to traffic management through the village of Cawston and along Oulton Street - managed through Hornsea Project Three Outline CTMP. Hornsea Project Three is aware of the ongoing development of the Cawston intervention scheme and will continue to work with Vattenfall to ensure that consistent approaches to any physical intervention schemes are applied to all projects.
- Both parties have both committed to community liaison through the construction phase.

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Yours sincerely
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