

Commercial agreements are progressing well with the Applicant on all matters referred to in our Relevant representation (RR-004) including helicopter access. Perenco is confident that the commercial agreements will be entered into prior to the end of the Examination. The intention is that the commercial agreements will supersede the Protective Provisions.

Notwithstanding the ongoing commercial discussions and in answer to the Examiner's specific written question INF2.3, Perenco wishes to make the following points:

• using a buffer distance of 2.7nm overlaid on historical met-ocean and operational data, Perenco estimates that the proximity of the windfarm will cause the loss of 77 available flying windows on an annual basis

• Perenco's helicopter operator has advised that a take-off distance of 5.23nm is required. We note that each UKCS helicopter operator sets its own parameters within the guidelines of the airframe capability. The aircraft used may be technically capable of taking off within a shorter distance but helicopter operators' procedures take into account past experience and in certain scenarios the distances set by operators are more conservative than the minimum legal requirements. No allowance has been made by the Applicant for these variations in its calculation.