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Dear Sir/Madam,

<u>The Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm</u> Application for a Development Consent Order under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008,

Examining Authority's (ExA) further written questions and requests for information – ExQ2

I write to provide the response of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to the written question BGC.2.4 addressed to all parties entering into a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the applicant.

Question - BGC.2.4

Statements of Common Ground

A significant number of matters remain unresolved in the various Statement of Common Ground In each case, could the Applicant please indicate your expectations in terms of reaching a conclusion, or highlight any fundamental problems that you may be experiencing in progressing negotiations. Please note that should matters not be resolved in a SoCG, the ExA will require the submission of Final Position Statements from relevant parties by no later than Deadline 7

I can confirm that there has been very constructive engagement between the applicant and the MOD which has provided a good understanding of the perspectives of both parties on the provisions contained in the wording of the draft version of Requirement 23 that was identified by the MOD. This has enabled the MOD to offer an amended version of the Requirement which is currently under consideration.

I trust this adequately addresses the question that have been raised.

Yours faithfully,

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