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Dear Mrs Hanlon,

THE NET ZERO TEESSIDE PROJECT - LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER SSI STEEL WORKS SITE, REDCAR AND IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TEESSIDE

NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 46 'DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION' OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 - SECTION 42 UPDATE CONSULTATION

I write on behalf of Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the 'Applicants') in connection with the Net Zero Teesside Project ('NZT' or the 'Project').

The Applicants are proposing to submit an application (the 'Proposed Application') seeking development consent pursuant to Section 37 'Applications for orders granting development consent' of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') from the Secretary of State ('SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') for the construction, operation and maintenance of NZT on land at and in the vicinity of the former SSI Steel Works Site, Redcar and in Stockton-on-Tees on Teesside (the 'Project Site').

NZT will be the UK's first commercial scale, full chain Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage ('CCUS') project, with the potential to capture up to 10 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per annum, the equivalent to the annual energy use of up to 3 million homes in the UK. It will comprise a number of elements, including a new gas-fired power station, with state-of-the art carbon capture technology. CO_2 from the power station, as well as from a cluster of local industries on Teesside, will be captured through a common CO_2 pipeline network (a 'gathering network') and transported for secure storage at a suitable offshore geological site under the North Sea.

The Applicants undertook their Stage 2 Consultation on NZT between July and September 2020. This included consulting various 'prescribed persons' on the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 42 of the PA 2008 and related regulations. Those consulted were issued with a 'Section 42 Letter' accompanied by a USB device containing various documents (the 'Consultation Documents') relating to the Proposed Application, including a Preliminary Environmental Information ('PEI') Report, and asked to provide any comments by 18 September 2020.

Since the close of the Stage 2 Consultation, the Applicants have undertaken further work on their proposals for NZT. This work has resulted in some changes to the Project, a number of which have

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been informed by the comments received to the Stage 2 Consultation. The Applicants are therefore undertaking further consultation on the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 42 of the PA 2008 to update those prescribed persons on the changes and to provide them with the opportunity to submit any comments they have in respect of them (the 'Section 42 Update Consultation').

This letter represents the Applicants' notification to the SoS of the Section 42 Update Consultation relating to the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 46 'Duty to notify secretary of state of proposed application' of the PA 2008.

The Applicants will commence the Section 42 Update Consultation by issuing a letter (the 'Section 42 Update Consultation Letter') accompanied by consultation documents (the 'Update Consultation Documents') to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and related regulations on or around 8 December 2020.

The deadline stated in the Section 42 Update Consultation Letter for the receipt of comments and representations on the Proposed Application is 11.59pm on 25 January 2021.

The Update Consultation Documents that are to be provided to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and related regulations accompany this letter and include:

- sample copies of the Section 42 Update Consultation Letters (four versions) sent to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and related regulations, and to non-prescribed persons who the Applicants consider may wish to comment on the NZT proposals;
- a plan (ref. NZT_P55_v11) showing the current proposed extent of the Project Site edged red; and
- a plan (ref. NZT_P59_v5) showing the main changes to the Project Site since the Stage 2 Consultation.

I look forward to receiving the SoS's acknowledgement of the Applicants' notification of receipt of this letter. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague Rob Booth <u>rob.booth@dwdllp.com</u>.

Yours sincerely



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Encs: Sample copies (four versions) of the Section 42 Update Consultation Letter Plan ref. NZT_P55_v11 Plan ref. NZT_P59_v5