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## (Email only)

MMO Reference: DCO/2019/00003 Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010103

23 August 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Planning Act 2008, Proposed Net Zero Teesside full chain carbon capture, utilisation and storage project

## **Deadline 6 Submission**

This document comprises the Marine Management Organisation's (MMO) Deadline 6 response in respect to the above Development Consent Order (DCO) Application. This is without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application throughout the examination process. This is also without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.

The MMO reserves the right to modify its present advice or opinion in view of any additional matters or information that may come to our attention. Yours Faithfully

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## 1 Responses to the Examining Authorities' ExQ2

- 1.1 DCO.2.12 The MMO met with the Applicant on the 11 August 2022 to discuss the feasibility of including the detonation of Unexploded Ordnances (UXO) within the Deemed Marine Licence (DML). The MMO outlined its position that it would not be opposed to inclusion within the DML providing that this is covered in greater depth within the Habitats Regulation Assessment to include the worst-case scenario. The MMO intends to work with the Applicant throughout the rest of examination to hopefully reach an agreement prior to the end of examination.
- 1.2 With regards to the points raised in the ExQ2, the MMO is able to provide the following update:
  - 1.2.1 Point i) The MMO have no objections to the wording provided for inclusion of the Environment Agency as a consultee on any UXO detonation.
  - 1.2.2 Point ii) As noted in paragraph 1.1, the MMO are in discussion with the applicant over the potential to include UXO detonation with the DML and are open to this possibility.
  - 1.2.3 Point iii) The MMO are reviewing the updates made to the DCO and DML throughout examination. The MMO has provided updated comments within this response.
  - 1.2.4 Point iv) If UXO detonation is included within the DML then the MMO would require definition within both Schedule 10 and 11 of the DCO.
- 1.3 With regard to HER.2.3 The MMO defer to Historic with regard to the appropriateness of the Written Scheme of Investigation for marine archaeology.

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