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Dear Mr Wheadon

**APPLICATION REF: EN010103 – THE NET ZERO TEESIDE PROJECT**

**LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER REDCAR STEEL WORKS SITE (TEESWORKS SITE), REDCAR AND IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES**

I write on behalf of the Applicants, Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited, in respect of the two letters sent by Natural England dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and addressed to the Secretary of State ('SoS') and the Environment Agency respectively ('the Natural England Letters'), relating to the Net Zero Teesside Project (the 'Nzt Project').

As advised in their letter of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to the SoS, the Applicants have engaged in proactive discussions with Natural England ('NE') and the Environment Agency ('EA') to resolve the matter raised in the Natural England Letters (published on the PINS website on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023) relating to nutrient nitrogen deposition. These discussions included a meeting with NE and the EA on 8<sup>th</sup> November and subsequent discussions with the EA on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The discussions and meetings have enabled the Applicants to complete their modelling work, which confirms that the Nzt Project will not have an adverse impact on the Cotham Dunes feature of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest ('SSSI') arising from nutrient nitrogen deposition.

The Applicants have today (28<sup>th</sup> November 2023) seen a copy of a letter from NE addressed to yourself, confirming that the matter raised in the Natural England Letters has been resolved and that NE has no further comments to make on the Development Consent Order ('DCO') application for the Nzt Project. Furthermore, that:

*"Natural England is content for the Environmental Permitting process to progress separately to the Secretary of State's decision on the Development Consent Order application and will continue to advise the Environment Agency, to enable them to undertake their duties as the relevant regulatory authority."*

Information relating to the Applicants' engagement with NE and the EA on the matter of nutrient nitrogen deposition and the modelling undertaken is provided in the accompanying letter and appendices. The information provided is confirmatory information and does not alter the conclusions on the assessment of likely significant effects as reported in the Nzt Project's Environmental



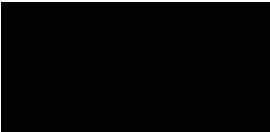
Statement submitted as part of the DCO application and updated and supplemented during the examination of the application.

While the SoS will want to consider the information submitted, the Applicants would suggest the following timeline moving forward:

1. Applicants submit confirmatory information to the SoS on nutrient nitrogen deposition – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – completed via this submission.
2. SoS publishes confirmatory information and issues request for any comments to be submitted to the SoS – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (SoS sets a 2 week consultation period).
3. Consultation period closes – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023
4. SoS considers any comments received – 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
5. SoS decision – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this submission.

Yours sincerely,



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**DWD – on behalf of NZT Power Limited & NZNS Storage Limited**