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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm Application Reference: EN010109

We refer to the application submitted by the Applicant dated 5 September 2022 for the construction of the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm.

NATS (En-Route) plc ("NERL") has objected to the proposed development as its assessment is that the development will cause an adverse impact to the Claxby and Cromer radars and the associated air traffic operations of NERL without suitable mitigation.

An agreement has been entered into between NERL and Scira Extension Limited and Dudgeon Extension Limited dated 19/12/2023 for the agreement of suitable requirements and the implementation of an identified and defined mitigation solution in relation to the development that will be implemented under agreement. In summary, such a mitigation solution will require works to be carried out to NERL's infrastructure at the Claxby and Cromer radar stations.

NERL is therefore prepared to withdraw its objection to the application subject to the imposition of the agreed requirements set out below that have been agreed with the developer:

1. No part of any wind turbine generator (excluding foundations) shall be erected as part of the authorised development until a primary radar mitigation scheme agreed in advance with the operator has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Secretary of State in order to

- avoid the impact of the development on the primary radar of the operator located at Claxby and Cromer and associated air traffic management operations.
- 2. No part of any wind turbine generator (excluding foundations) shall be erected until the approved primary radar mitigation scheme has been implemented and then shall thereafter be operated fully in accordance with such approved scheme.

For the purposes of this requirement: –

- (a) "operator" means NATS (En Route) plc, incorporated under the Companies Act (4129273) whose registered office is 4000 Parkway, Whiteley, Fareham, Hants P015 7FL or such other organisation licensed from time to time under sections 5 and 6 of the Transport Act 2000 to provide air traffic services to the relevant managed area (within the meaning of section 40 of that Act); and
- (b) "primary radar mitigation scheme" or "scheme" means a detailed scheme agreed with the operator which sets out the measures to be taken to avoid at all times the impact of the development on the Claxby and Cromer primary radars and the air traffic management operations of the operator.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours Faithfully

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