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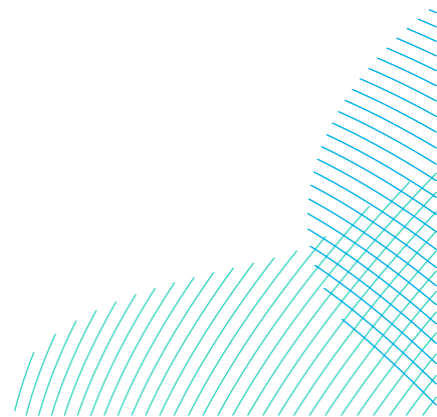
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Dear Sirs

**Subject: Potential kittiwake compensatory measures in respect of the Dogger Bank South East and Dogger Bank South West offshore wind farms.**

We, GT R4 Limited ("**GT R4**"), are developing the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind farm ("**ODOW**"). We refer to our recent discussions regarding the application for development consent for the proposed Dogger Bank South East and Dogger Bank South West offshore wind farms (respectively "**DBS East**" and "**DBS West**" and collectively referred to as the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms ("**DBS**")) which is being prepared jointly by RWE Renewables UK DBS East Limited and RWE Renewables UK DBS West Limited (the "**Applicants**"). We understand that the Applicants are preparing a single Development Consent Order ("**DCO**") application for both DBS East and DBS West for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Applicants have advised us that, based on the conclusions of the Plan Level HRA undertaken for the Round 4 Projects (the "**Round 4 Plan**") and previous decisions on offshore wind made by the Secretary of State ("**SoS**"), the Applicants are proceeding on the basis of conceding Adverse Effect on Integrity ("**AEoI**") on kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) from the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area ("**FFC SPA**"). As such, we understand the Applicants will put forward, as part of their consent application, measures to compensate for the predicted impact of DBS. We understand that one of the potential compensation measures proposed by the Applicants will include the provision of nesting platforms on an offshore Artificial Nesting Structure ("**ANS**").

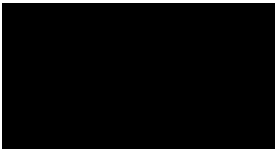
In accordance with the Kittiwake Strategic Compensation Plan ("**KSCP**") which was produced as part of The Crown Estate's Derogation Case in support of the Round 4 Plan, up to two offshore **ANS's** could be required to be delivered as compensation for predicted impacts to FFC SPA kittiwake as a consequence of DBS and ODOW. The KSCP proposed a number of delivery options with respect to this compensation measure, including the option for collaborative delivery between one or more OWF developer(s). The Applicants and GT R4 have sought to align their project level

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compensatory proposals with the KSCP and are therefore both proposing to deliver offshore ANS, potentially in collaboration with one or more other OWF developer(s).

In the event that the SoS consents DBS and ODOW with a stipulated requirement to deliver offshore ANS as their designated compensatory measure for kittiwake, then GT R4 confirms that it would be willing to continue to collaborate with the Applicants with a view to developing one or more ANS. GT R4 would also be willing to continue to engage further in collaborative discussions with the Applicants regarding other compensatory measures either for kittiwake and/or other ornithological features. GT R4 acknowledges that it may be necessary for it and the Applicants to enter into further legal and commercial agreements in due course to further develop and secure such offshore ANS and other compensatory measures and confirms that it would continue to act in good faith in connection with such negotiations.

Yours faithfully,



**Project Director**

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