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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Application by GT R4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project  
The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1)  
Issued on 6 November 2024**

Please see below responses from South Holland Internal Drainage Board (Interested Party Reference number: 20048567) to two written questions asked by the Examining Authority :

**Q1 WE 1.3 – to the Applicant and the Internal Drainage Boards: Side Agreement with the Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs)**

*The Applicant's planning obligations and side agreements tracker [REP1-023] indicates that side agreements have been drafted with the following listed Internal Drainage Boards and are currently under discussion.*

- *Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board*
- *Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board*
- *Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board*
- *South Holland Internal Drainage Board*
- *Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board*

*Please provide an estimated timeline for when these draft side agreements will be available for consideration by the ExA?*

**South Holland Internal Drainage Board response:**

South Holland IDB is not able to provide an estimated timeline on when the Planning Performance Agreement (“side agreement with Internal Drainage Boards”) will be available for the Examining Authority to consider, because this is dependent on receiving legal advice for which the Boards have been waiting for several months. The Boards have not had an indication of when this advice will be provided. South Holland IDB's view is that if the side agreement is not completed within the Examination timeline, the Board will revert to the

consents approval process set out in the Protective Provisions for Drainage Authorities in the draft Development Consent Order.

**Q1 WE 1.4 – to the Internal Drainage Boards: Change Request about pipeline crossings**

*With reference to the Applicant’s Additional Submission [AS-025] and the ExA’s advice related to these possible changes in its Rule 8 letter [PD-011], the Applicant advised the ExA of further changes that it had not yet submitted to the ExA. These were described by the Applicant as follows:*

- *Changes to documents to account for additional utilities crossings; and*
- *Changes to documents to account for additional drain crossings.*

*The ExA has made a Procedural Decision [PD-012] that these changes do not need to be submitted as part of a formal change request.*

*Please respond with any concerns you may have regarding the changes and provide recommendations to address them.*

**South Holland Internal Drainage Board response:**

South Holland IDB understands that the changes referred to relate to consideration of IDB assets and interests at construction access routes along the River Welland. The south bank of the River Welland is within the South Holland IDB internal drainage district. The applicant consulted South Holland IDB on a document titled “Access arrangements alongside the River Welland” in October 2024. South Holland IDB is content that the Applicant has identified South Holland IDB interests and assets along this construction access route, and has identified appropriate mitigation (where required) to minimise impacts.

Kind regards,

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