



# Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited Triton Knoll Electrical System

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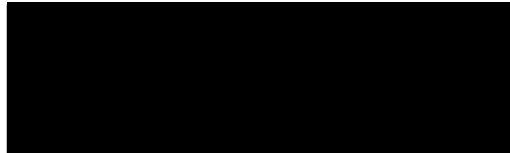
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1. CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT

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Confirmation of Agreement with Westminster Gravels Limited

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Date: 29.09.15

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

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- 2.1 Westminster Gravels Limited (WGL) makes this statement in respect of Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd's (TKOWFL or the Applicant) application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the Application) for the Triton Knoll Electrical System (the proposed development).
- 2.2 WGL was consulted by the Applicant prior to the Application being made.
- 2.3 WGL has reviewed the documents supporting the Application (the Application Documents) and submitted a representation about the Project (a Relevant Representation).
- 2.4 WGL has no in principle objection to the Project.

### **WGL**

- 2.5 Westminster Gravels Limited (WGL) operates marine aggregate licence Area 515/1 that is located adjacent to the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm (TKOWF).

### **Triton Knoll Electrical System**

- 2.6 The Triton Knoll Electrical System (the proposed development) would connect the consented Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm (TKOWF) offshore array to the existing National Grid substation at Bicker Fen, Boston.
- 2.7 The proposed development comprises the project elements as described in Volume 2, Chapter 1 Offshore Project Description (document reference 6.2.2.1) and Volume 3, Chapter 1 Onshore Project Description (document reference 6.2.3.1) of the Environmental Statement (ES), briefly comprising:
- Up to six offshore export cable circuits – to transmit the high voltage alternating current (HVAC) electricity from the offshore substations to the transition joint bays at the landfall;
  - Landfall infrastructure just north of Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire – including transition joint bays which house the connection between the offshore cables and the onshore cables;
  - Up to six onshore export cable circuits to transmit the HVAC electricity from the transition joint bays at the landfall to the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd Triton Knoll Electrical System proposed Triton Knoll Substation via the Intermediate Electrical Compound;

- An Intermediate Electrical Compound near to Orby Marsh – to provide compensation for reactive power to allow more efficient transmission and minimise losses;
- A substation near the existing Bicker Fen National Grid Substation – to step-up to the electricity to the voltage used by the National Grid and provide additional compensation for reactive power;
- Up to four onshore export cable circuits (400 kV) – to transmit the electricity from the proposed Triton Knoll Substation to the existing National Grid substation at Bicker Fen, Boston; and
- Unlicensed Works within the existing National Grid Bicker Fen substation compound comprising up to two new ‘bays’ of electrical equipment required to connect the Electrical System to the National Grid.

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### 3. CONSULTATION

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#### Summary

- 3.1 The Applicant engaged with WGL on the proposed development during the pre-application process, both in terms of informal non-statutory engagement and formal consultation, carried out pursuant to section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). A summary of consultation undertaken, specific to an environmental topic, is presented in each of the chapters of the ES, with detail on all the consultation undertaken by the Applicant during the pre-application process presented in the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). The Consultation Report demonstrates how the Applicant has complied with its duties under the relevant sections of the 2008 Act.

#### Pre-application Consultation

- 3.2 Consultation on the proposed development commenced with discussions with WGL in 2008. At that time the discussions related to the entire project, both the offshore array and the proposed development. The Triton Knoll Electrical System was first discussed with WGL in 2014.
- 3.3 In its response to the statutory consultation in October 2014 WGL provided comments relevant to their remit as a non-prescribed stakeholder on the Other Marine Users topic of the preliminary environmental information (PEI).
- 3.4 It is agreed that the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) submitted with the application provides accurate record of the statutory consultation which WGL and other consultees were involved in.
- 3.5 It is agreed that additional topic-specific consultation with WGL, is captured within the consultation sections of each of the relevant ES chapters, listed in paragraph 3.3.

#### Post-application Consultation

- 3.6 The Applicant made initial contact with WGL in relation to the preparation of a SoCG in late May 2015, following the Secretary of State's acceptance of the application. It was agreed that drafting a SoCG would be appropriate as a means of making a clear statement to the ExA appointed for the Application on the key issues during the early stages of the examination.

- 3.7 It is agreed that a meeting was held with WGL on 26 June 2015 to discuss outstanding issues.



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## 4. AGREED POSITION

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- 4.1 In the Rule 6 letter issued on 30 July 2015 the Examining Authority (ExA) requested a Statement of Common Ground between WGL and the Applicant which included the possible effects on marine aggregate licence Area 515/1 and possible mitigations of any effects.
- 4.2 It is agreed that a mitigation and compensation package has already been developed and agreed between RWE Innogy and WGL relating to the installation of turbines within the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm DCO boundary, but that this does not cover any conflict relating to the export cable corridor for the proposed development.
- 4.3 It is agreed that the Applicant and TKOWFL are engaged in discussions regarding the impacts and potential mitigations regarding the proposed development.
- 4.4 It is agreed that the parties will continue to work together to discuss and resolve these issues and will update the Examining Authority on progress at the next appropriate Deadline.

