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The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

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Emerging Proposals for AQUIND Interconnector

Dear Ms Mordaunt,

As you will be aware, AQUIND Limited ('AQUIND') is developing proposals to build a new High Voltage Direct Current ('HVDC') marine and underground electric power transmission link between the south of England and Normandy in France – AQUIND Interconnector.

AQUIND Interconnector will have capacity to transmit approximately 5% of Great Britain's total electricity consumption – enough to keep the lights on in up to 4 million British households.

In July 2018 the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy directed that AQUIND Interconnector should be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP'). This means that the construction and operation of AQUIND Interconnector can only be consented by a Development Consent Order ('DCO') made by the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008.

Following an initial round of informal consultation in January 2018, and in accordance with the Planning Act, AQUIND will be undertaking formal consultation with the local community in early 2019. The feedback from this consultation will help to further develop and refine the proposals in order to achieve the best possible scheme. AQUIND anticipates an application for a DCO for the Proposed Development will be submitted in 2019.

Given your role in the local community, we would like to invite you to attend a Parliamentary drop-in session to view AQUIND's emerging proposals, speak with the project team and provide your feedback. The drop-in event will take place on Tuesday 22 January 2019 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm at W2, Westminster Hall.

To RSVP to this event, please email **aquindconsultation@becg.com** or call **01962 893869**. If we may, a member of our project team will be in touch if we do not hear back from you.

If you have any questions or would like further information on AQUIND Interconnector, you can contact the AQUIND Community Engagement Team via the contact details listed above.

You can also learn more about AQUIND Interconnector on the project's consultation website at wwww.aquindconsultation.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

James Wood

For and on behalf of AQUIND Limited

