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Dear Mr Jarvis,

**AQUIND LIMITED: UK ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSED AQUIND  
INTERCONNECTOR BETWEEN THE UK AND FRANCE: REQUEST FOR  
DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 35 PLANNING ACT 2008**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 June 2018 on behalf of your client AQUIND Limited to the Secretary of State requesting the Secretary of State exercises powers under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 to direct that the proposed UK elements of the AQUIND Interconnector, as set out in the Direction request, be treated as development for which development consent is required.

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary of State has agreed to your request. However, the Secretary of State has decided that the additional requests sought in the letter for the section 35 Direction should not be included as he considers that insufficient reasons were given for the Secretary of State to exercise the discretion in section 35ZA(5) in the manner requested. A signed Direction to that effect is attached. This Direction is given without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of any application for development consent which is made in relation to this proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

*Gareth Leigh*

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