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**Subject:** AQUIND Deadline 1 MMO's response  
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[EN020022-ExA-WQs-DL1-MMO-Response.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr Mahon,

On 6 January 2020, the Marine Management Organisation (the "MMO") received notice under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act") that the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") had accepted an application made by AQUIND Limited (the "Applicant") for a development consent order (the "DCO Application") (MMO ref: DCO/2018/00016; PINS ref: EN020022).

The DCO Application seeks authorisation to construct and operate an electricity interconnector with a net transmission capacity of 2000 megawatts between France and the UK (the "Project").

The MMO received Rule 8, 9 and 13 letters on 15 September 2020. In response to these letters, the MMO submits the following:

1. Responses to the Examining Authority's first round of written questions
2. Notification of wish to make oral representations at the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order

The MMO is in discussion with the applicant in relation to the comments on the previously submitted Relevant Representation. The MMO agreed a version of Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) dated 4th August 2020 as accurately reflecting the state of discussion with the Applicant. The Applicant sent an updated version of SoCG to the MMO on 23rd September which is currently under review. The MMO understands from the applicant that this is the version they will be submitting, however the MMO would like to highlight that this version has not yet been reviewed or agreed upon.

This written representation is submitted without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application throughout the examination process. This representation is also submitted without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.

Kind regards,  
Jenny

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Good morning,

As per Annex B of the letter revising the Examination Timetable for Aquind, received on 15 September, the MMO would like to confirm that we would like to have the opportunity to speak at the Issue Specific Hearing into the DCO on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The MMO is currently working with the applicant to come to agreement on certain issues, therefore we will be able to confirm nearer the time the areas that we wish to discuss.

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