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Dear Sirs

Aquind Interconnector DCO - Applicant Deadline 3 Submission

We are writing to you on behalf of AQUIND Limited (the 'Applicant') with regard to the application for the AQUIND Interconnector Development Consent Order (the 'Application') and in relation to the submission of information required from the Applicant for Deadline 3, in accordance with the letter issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) dated 15 September 2020 pursuant to Rule 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, which is submitted under cover of this letter.

Since Deadline 2, the project team has been considering and responding to the written representations submitted by non-interested parties at Deadline 1. The project team has also been considering the submissions made at Deadline 2 including by continuing engagement with stakeholders throughout this period.

The Applicant now submits the information required to satisfy the procedural ruling of the ExA for what must be submitted by Deadline 3 by the Applicant. A full list of all documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 is included with this letter at Schedule 1, and a schedule of changes is included with the submission.

The Applicant submits responses to the written representations received from non-interested parties at Deadline 1, and submissions made at Deadline 2.

In addition, the documents submitted by the Applicant include an updated compulsory acquisition schedule and Application Document Tracker, which provides the same information as the Application Guide and therefore an updated version of the Application Guide has not been provided to avoid duplication.

An updated Statement of Common Ground with the South Downs National Park Authority is submitted at Deadline 3, together with an updated Statement of Commonality detailing progress made between the Applicant and relevant stakeholders on the Statements of Common Ground.

An updated version of the Tree Schedule and Constraints Plans (Appendix 10 of the Environmental Statement) is submitted to correct errors in the version submitted at Deadline 1 (REP1-101). An update to the Biodiversity Position Paper (REP1-138) is also submitted following a review by Natural England.



The Applicant has received two Rule 17 requests from the Examining Authority dated 15 and 27 October for which a response is required by Deadline 3.

In relation to the first of these dated 15 October 2020, we confirm that the request numbered (1) is responded to in the submission submitted under cover of this letter. An updated set of Works Plans, addressing the request numbered (2), was submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2. In respect of the requests numbered (3) and (4), submissions are to be made by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP on behalf of the Applicant on today's date.

In relation to the second of these dated 27 October 2020, a response is to be submitted by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP on today's date in relation to points on which the Applicant was requested to advise the ExA.

A third Rule 17 request was also issued on 27 October which the Applicant will respond to by no later than Deadline 5.

We trust this covering letter provides a helpful and proportionate overview of the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 3. Should the Planning Inspectorate have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Wood
Director

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SCHEDULE 1 – APPLICANT’S DEADLINE 3 SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Document Name
1.3	Application Document Tracker
3.1	Draft Development Consent Order (clean)
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7.1.5	Deadline 3 Cover Letter (this document)
7.2.3	Deadline 3 Schedule of Changes
7.3.2	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
7.5.1	Statement of Commonality and Position Statement
7.5.7	Statement of Common Ground with South Downs National Park Authority
7.6.1	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (clean)
7.6.1	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (tracked)
7.7.9	Biodiversity Position Paper
7.7.15	Proposed Non-material Changes to the Order limits and Rights (to be submitted by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP).
7.9.6	Applicant’s Responses to Deadline 2 Submissions
7.9.7	Applicant’s Response to Deadline 1 submissions from Non-Interested Parties
7.9.9	Responses to Rule 17 Request dated 15/10/20 for Deadline 3 (to be submitted by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP)
7.9.10	Responses to Rule 17 Request dated 15/10/20 for Deadline 3 (to be submitted by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP)
7.9.11	Response to Rule 17 Request dated 27/10/20 for Deadline 3 (to be submitted by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP)
7.9.9.1	Schedule of documents forming the Environmental Statement (to be submitted by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP)
7.4.1.10	Appendix 10 Tree Survey Schedule and Constraints Plan
7.8.1.4	ES Addendum – Appendix 4 – Figure 2 Additional Information on Herring Spawning