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Dear Sir/Madam

AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR

DEADLINE 4 RESPONSE – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has reviewed the draft Development Consent Order submitted by the applicant at Deadline 3 and we would like to provide the following comments:

DCO ref.	Description	MCA Comment
Part 7 S. 45 Arbitration	Arbitration	The MCA will defer to and support the MMO's position on Arbitration and deemed approval.
Schedule 15 Part 1 S. 1(4)(e)	MCA address amendment	'Navigation Safety Branch' is now called <i>Technical Services Navigation</i>
Schedule 15 Part 2 S. 2(7)(a) & (b)	Notifications and Inspections	This should read: <i>a) at least 14 days prior to the commencement of offshore activities, for inclusion in the Kingfisher Fortnightly Bulletin and offshore hazard awareness data, and;</i> <i>b) as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than 24 hours of completion of all offshore activities.</i> <i>Confirmation of notification must be provided to the MMO within 5 days.</i>
Schedule 15 Part 2 S. 2(8)	Notifications and Inspections	'Notice to mariners' should be replaced with <i>local notification</i> '10 working days' should be amended to <i>14 days</i>
Schedule 15 Part 2 S. 2(9)	Notifications and Inspections	'Notice to mariners' should be replaced with <i>local notification</i>
Schedule 15 Part 2	Notifications and Inspections	'10 working days' should be amended to <i>14 days</i>



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Schedule 15 Part 2 S. 2(11)	Notifications and Inspections	'10 working days' should be amended to <i>14 days</i> HMCG contacts are: <i>zone15@hmcg.gov.uk</i> <i>zone16@hmcg.gov.uk</i>
Schedule 15 Part 2 S. 2(14)	Notifications and Inspections	'Notice to mariners' should be replaced with <i>local notification</i>
Schedule 15 Part 4 S. 3	Pre-construction plans and documentation	Reference to the 'marine emergency action card' should be removed. This is a document between MCA and Aquind and approval does not need to be via MMO. MCA will ensure it is completed via the remaining wording of this condition. This is consistent with the arrangements for the ERCoP requirement with other projects.
Schedule 15 Part 4 S. 10(3)	Post-Construction Surveys	Sonar is not a MCA requirement for meeting IHO Order 1a Standard
Schedule 15 Part 4 S. 13(10)	Maintenance of the Authorised Development	Hydrographic survey data must be submitted to MCA for confirmation of IHO standards. Suggest the following is included: <i>This should fulfil the requirements of MGN 543 and its supporting 'Hydrographic Guidelines for Offshore Developers', which includes the requirement for the full density data and reports to be delivered to the MCA and the UKHO for the update of nautical charts and publications This must be submitted as soon as possible, and no later than [three months] prior to construction. The Order Limit shapefiles must be submitted to MCA. The Report of Survey must also be sent to the MMO.</i>

Please find attached a copy of the draft DCO with our comments. These comments are consistent with an agreed set of conditions with the MMO, UKHO, Trinity House and MCA, however, should the applicant wish to discuss them further we would be happy to provide any clarification.

Yours faithfully,



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