

## WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

### **Representation by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc to the Application by Aquind Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the to the AQUIND Interconnector Order ("the Project").**

National Grid understands that the matter of the extension to Lovedean substation was raised by the Examining Authority at the DCO ISH on 9 December 2020 and therefore wishes to update the Examining Authority on its position in the hope that this will be of assistance.

As the Examining Authority is aware, in order to facilitate the connection to the national grid network at the 400kv Lovedean Substation, the Project proposes to provide additional electrical infrastructure as set out in in Section 1.1.2 of the Additional Supporting Information for Onshore Works (ES Appendix 3.5).

National Grid does not consider that the description of Work No. 1 in the draft DCO is sufficient for this purpose and has therefore been in discussions with the Applicant in relation to the form of an amendment to Work No. 1 which it will wish to see incorporated in the draft Order.

As a result of these discussions the following amendment (in bold) has been agreed between the parties and, we understand, will be submitted during the Examination in an amended DCO by the Applicant in due course (at Deadline 6 if not before):

*Work No.1 – substation connection works consisting of –*

- a) Extension of the existing substation, including site establishment, earthworks, civil and building works.**
- b) 2 400 kilovolt air and or gas insulated switchgear bays, associated secondary equipment and auxiliary services;*
- c) Onshore HVAC cables of up to 800 metres in length (each cable circuit);*
- d) up to 5 link boxes per cable circuit with dimensions of up to 0.8 metres in length by 0.8 metres in width by 0.6 metres in height;*

National Grid also remains in discussions with the Applicant to confirm whether the Environmental Statement submitted with the Application sufficiently covers the description of Work No. 1 (as amended above). At the time of this representation these discussions are ongoing but it is expected that both parties will be in a position to update the Examining Authority on this matter alongside the submission of the amended DCO as set out above.

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