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Subject: AQUIND Interconnector DCO - Accepted Request for Change to Order Limits

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Hi Hefin,

I hope you are keeping well.

We are grateful for the ExA's procedural decision published today in respect of our second Change Request.

We confirm that the plan set out in Appendix 1 of the Request for Changes to the Order Limits document was indeed intended to satisfy the requirement to submit a plan showing the 'additional land' as required by Regulation 5(b)(i) of the CA Regulations. It may also be helpful for those interested in the change to view an updated version of the relevant Land Plan (Sheet 1). I therefore attach this in a form which includes the two additional areas of land, as well as reflecting the two areas of land removed by the Change Request. I also attach an updated version of the Key Plan (Sheet 0). I would be grateful if these could be uploaded to the website, as I have referred to these plans in the notice sent for publication today (see below).

In terms of timetable we propose the following. Due to the urgency, the first newspaper notice has already been placed today for publication on 23rd December. I attach a copy of the notice to be published for information.

Action	Date
1. PINS to make registration form	Wednesday 23 rd Dec 2020 (date of first
available on website and update	newspaper notice)
Examination Timetable	,
2. Publication of Notices pursuant to	
Regulation 8 of the CA Regulations	
 London Gazette 	Weds 23 rd Dec
The Guardian	Weds 23 rd Dec
Portsmouth News (1)	Weds 23 rd Dec
Petersfield Post (1)	Weds 23 rd Dec
Hampshire Chronicle (1)	Thurs 24 th Dec
Portsmouth News (2)	Weds 30 th Dec
Petersfield Post (2)	Weds 30 th Dec
Hampshire Chronicle (2)	Thurs 31 st Dec
3. Notification to Regulation 7(1) Parties	Mail out on Monday 21 December 2020 to arrive next working day
4. Deadline for representations on the proposed changes	28 th January 2020 (being 28 days after the publication of the final notice)

5. Certification of the notifications / publications to the Secretary of State

No later than 11th February 2020 (10 working days after deadline for representations)

As set out in Chapter 3 of our 'Request for Changes to the Order limits', all other relevant updated plans and documents will be submitted on 23 December at Deadline 6.

Please can I request that the Inspectorate make the RR form available from Wednesday 23rd December on the basis that the first notice will go to print on that date. Please also note that the deadline for representations will be 23:59 on 28th January 2020 and therefore please could you update the Examination Timetable accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries on this matter.

Best regards, Martyn

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AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR - NOTICE OF A COMPULSORY ACQUISITION REQUEST IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL LAND (PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN020022)

SECTION 123(4) OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 8 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (COMPULSORY ACQUISITION) REGULATIONS 2010

On 14 November 2019 AQUIND Limited ('Applicant') of OGN House, Hadrian Way, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 6HL submitted an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') in respect of AQUIND Interconnector under the Planning Act 2008 ('Application'). The Application was accepted for examination on Thursday 12 December 2019 and the Examination commenced on Wednesday 9 September 2020. The Planning Inspectorate's reference number for the Application is EN020022.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 ('CA Regulations') that the Applicant has made a request for an order granting development consent to authorise compulsory acquisition of rights over land in respect of land that was not identified in the book of reference submitted with the Application ("CA Request"). The Examining Authority accepted the CA Request on 18 December 2020 pursuant to Regulation 6 of the CA Regulations.

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

AQUIND Interconnector ('Project') is a new 2,000 MW subsea and underground High Voltage Direct Current ('HVDC') bi-directional electric power transmission link between the South Coast of England and Normandy in France. By linking the British and French electric power grids it will make energy markets more efficient, improve security of supply and enable greater flexibility as power grids evolve to adapt to different sources of renewable energy and changes in demand trends such as the development of electric vehicles. The Project will have the capacity to transmit up to 16,000,000 MWh of electricity per annum, which equates to approximately 5% and 3% of the total consumption of the UK and France respectively.

The Application seeks development consent for those elements of the Project located in the UK and the UK Marine Area ('Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development includes:

- HVDC marine cables from the boundary of the UK exclusive economic zone to the UK at Eastney in Portsmouth;
- jointing of the HVDC marine cables and HVDC onshore cables;
- HVDC onshore cables from Eastney to Lovedean;
- a Converter Station and associated electrical and telecommunications infrastructure at Lovedean;
- high Voltage Alternating Current ('HVAC') onshore cables and associated infrastructure connecting the Converter Station to the Great Britain electrical transmission network, the National Grid, at Lovedean Substation; and
- smaller diameter fibre optic cables to be installed together with the HVDC and HVAC cables and associated infrastructure.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADDITIONAL LAND

The additional land ('Additional Land') to be added to the Order limits and which is subject to the CA Request is:

- 10,112 square metres of woodland (Mill Copse, east of Old Mill Lane, Lovedean), which has been assigned plot number 1-02a; and
- 14,842 square metres of woodland and private access track (Stoneacre Copse, east of Old Mill Lane, Lovedean), which has been assigned plot number a 1-32a.

REASON WHY THE ADDITIONAL LAND IS REQUIRED

The Additional Land is required in order to address the impact of ash dieback and the consequential effect on the landscape and visual impacts of a part of the Proposed

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Development (the converter station). The disease has spread more rapidly than expected when the Application was made, and following a recent survey the Applicant has concluded that active management of these two woodlands, through rights secured in the DCO, is necessary in order to maintain the screening function they serve.

The Additional Land is required to facilitate the delivery and operation of the Proposed Development to which the Application relates, and there is a compelling case in the public interest for the rights proposed to be acquired over the Additional Land given the international and national benefits that the Project will generate, in light of EU and UK energy policy and carbon and climate change commitments.

The need for the Project and its benefits are described in full in the Needs and Benefits Report (APP-115) and in the Needs and Benefits Report Addendum (REP1-136), which are available to view free of charge on the webpage relating to the Application on the Planning Inspectorate's website detailed below.

COPIES OF THE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

A copy of the supplement to the book of reference relating to the Additional Land (AS-053), a map showing the Additional Land in Appendix 1 of the Request for Change to the Order Limits (AS-054), the revised Land Plans for the Proposed Development (2.2 Rev.04), the draft DCO (REP5-008) and other documentation relating to the CA Request ('Additional Documents') are available to view free of charge on the webpage relating to the Application on the Planning Inspectorate's website under the 'Documents' tab:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=docs.

The Additional Documents will be available to view on the website for at least the duration of the Examination, which is due to be completed by no later than 8 March 2021.

Electronic copies of the Additional Documents will be made available free of charge on a USB upon request to the Applicant. A paper copy is also available on request, subject to reasonable copying charges. Please email aquindconsultation@becg.com or phone 01962 893 869 if you would like to request copies of the Additional Documents.

COMMENTING ON THE CA REQUEST

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to the CA Request) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, which is available through the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector.

If you require guidance on, or other methods of, obtaining and completing the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or e-mail aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination (December 2016) provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation. It is available online at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf

Any persons who wish to respond but do not have access to the internet and are unable or unwilling to leave their property given the current Government restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to contact the Applicant or the Planning Inspectorate by telephone so that appropriate arrangements can be made for completing the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form.

The Applicant can be contacted at:

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Any representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 23:59 on 28 January 2021. All representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website at:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector.

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The Planning Act 2008

The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 – Regulation 5(2)(i)

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