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Dear Sirs

## **Aquind Interconnector DCO - Applicant Deadline 9 Submission**

### **Introduction**

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 at Deadline 9.

The Applicant's Deadline 9 submission is made in accordance with the letter issued by the Examining Authority ('ExA') on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 under Section 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 9 and 17 which states:

*"To ensure that opportunity is available, we request that the Applicant, having considered material submitted by other parties since the hearings held on 17, 18 and 19 February 2021 and before or at Deadline 8 in respect of the draft Order and other relevant material, provides us with a comprehensive draft Order and any response to those submissions made before or at Deadline 8."*

### **Deadline 9 Submission Documents Summary**

A full list of all documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8 is included with this letter at Schedule 1.

The Applicant submits a final draft Development Consent Order (dDCO). Save for one minor correction, which is explained in the Schedule of Changes to the dDCO also submitted, this is in the same form as the dDCO submitted at Deadline 8.8. This is accompanied by a summary of the of changes proposed to the DCO by other parties at Deadline 8 and the Applicant's Position in relation to those.

The Applicant submits an updated version of the Onshore Outline Environmental Management Plan and accompanying Schedule of Changes, list of documents forming the Environmental Statement and Application Document Tracker.

The Applicant also submits responses to submissions made by all parties at Deadline 8, including a separate standalone response to the submissions of Blake Morgan LLP on behalf of Mr G and Mr P Carpenter.

Further to the updates provided in the Development Consent Order Obligations Explanatory Note submitted at Deadline 8 (REP8-043), the Applicant is also pleased to enclose signed copies of the



legal agreements that have been entered into with Hampshire County Council and South Downs National Park Authority in relation to the development consent obligation agreements.

**Response to Request for Further Information**

Finally, the Applicant submits a letter from the Applicant to the ExA of today's date which addresses the comments raised in relation to the solvency of AQUIND Limited in response to the Examining Authority's request for further information dated 3 March 2021 (PD-037).

We trust this covering letter provides a helpful and proportionate overview of the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 9. Should the Planning Inspectorate have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

We would also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Examining Authority, the case team for the Project, and all those persons who have contributed to the Examination of this Application.

Yours sincerely

Amy Hallam  
Technical Director

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**SCHEDULE 1 – APPLICANT’S DEADLINE 8 SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS**

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Document Name</b>
1.3	Application Document Tracker
3.1	Draft Development Consent Order (clean)
3.1	Draft Development Consent Order (tracked)
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean)
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (tracked)
7.1.12	Deadline 9 Cover Letter
7.2.9	Schedule of Changes Submitted for Deadline 9
7.3.1	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
7.3.10	Schedule of Changes Proposed to the draft DCO at Deadline 8 by Interested Parties and the Applicant's Position
7.5.25	Signed legal agreement with Hampshire County Council in respect of the development consent obligation
7.5.26	Signed legal agreement with South Downs National Park Authority in respect of the development consent obligation
7.9.9.1	Schedule of Documents Forming the Environmental Statement (clean)
7.9.9.1	Schedule of Documents Forming the Environmental Statement (tracked)
7.9.49	Responses to Deadline 8 Submissions
7.9.49.1	Appendix A - Meeting Minutes between the Applicant and PCC on the 8 January 2021
7.9.49.2	Appendix B - Email Correspondence between the Applicant and PCC on the 9 February 2021
7.9.49.3	Appendix C - On Street Parking Availability - Sensitivity Test Undertaken in response to Portsmouth City Council's Deadline 8 Submission Ref 2.33 to 2.35
7.9.50	Responses to Non-Interested Parties' Deadline 8 Submissions
7.9.51	Response to Submissions made on behalf of Mr Geoffrey Carpenter and Mr Peter Carpenter



7.9.52	Letter from the Applicant in response to Rule 17 Request dated 3 March 2021
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