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Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero c/o Planning Inspectorate

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Dear Secretary of State,

## Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector project Reference EN020022

We are aware that the above application is currently being re-determined by the Secretary of State following the quashing of a decision to refuse the application taken in January 2022.

During the Aquind redetermination process the application made by Rampion Extension Development Limited ("REDL") for an Order granting Development Consent for an offshore wind farm with up to 90 wind turbines, associated foundations and all the electrical infrastructure required to transmit the power into the national electricity network at Bolney in Mid Sussex ("Rampion 2") has been accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

The proposed Order limits for the two projects overlap within the western part of the offshore array area for Rampion 2, which is addressed in the Environmental Statement submitted in support of the Rampion 2 project. Consequently there is a requirement for arrangements to be put in place for the projects to control the interface between the projects.

REDL is currently engaging with the applicant for the Aquind Interconnector DCO to agree arrangements to allow the projects to co-exist both within their respective construction and operational phases outside the formal Examination and determination processes. However, there may be a requirement for the inclusion of protective provisions as part of the Aquind Interconnector DCO (if granted) to control the interface between the projects.



We note that further details on the re-determination process are to be published on the Planning Inspectorate website in due course. In that context, we would be grateful if the programme could include accommodation for the submission of protective provisions for the benefit of Rampion Extension Development Limited, and you could confirm the date by which a submission would be required.

Yours faithfully,

## **Rampion Extension Development Limited**

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