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Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Application by Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Viking Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Pipeline

Request for Further Information

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended). Specifically, we request the following:

Issue 1

In response to first written questions [[REP1-045](#), Q1.2.1], the Applicant stated they would provide a technical note on venting. The Examining Authority (ExA) has noted this has not been submitted at Deadline 2. Please provide said document at Deadline 3.

The technical note should provide all the information necessary to answer the questions posed in relation to venting emissions and venting process [[PD-010](#)]. In addition, the note should consider the points raised in [[REP1-144](#)], coupled with the following questions:



- If the quantities of carbon dioxide passing through the pipeline were to be vented at any one time, why this is not accounted for in the Environmental Statement in terms of air quality or climate change?
- What options, if any, were considered for capturing the venting gases at each block valve station to minimise the losses?

Issue 2

In response to first written questions [[REP1-045](#), Q1.16.3], the Applicant stated they would provide a revised Transport Assessment at Deadline 2. The ExA has noted this has not been submitted. Please provide said document at Deadline 3.

Issue 3

In the action points [[EV2-008](#), Point 5] the ExA requested an updated Statement of Reasons at Deadline 1. This was not provided. The ExA consider the document necessary and request this is submitted at Deadline 3.

Issue 4

The Applicant has stated that the construction programme now assumes a starting date in September 2025. The ExA notes that the Applicant intends to submit the Environmental Impact Assessment for the offshore consents “later in 2024” [[REP1-017](#)].

- What are the anticipated timeframes for obtaining the offshore consents (i.e. what processes and procedures have to be undertaken and what are the minimum / maximum timeframes for obtaining consent)?
- Assuming the offshore consenting regime is equivalent or similar to the DCO consent regime in terms of stages and/or timeframes, is it realistic and feasible to predict a start date in September 2025?

All of the above material should be submitted by Deadline 3 (Tuesday 11 June 2024).

Should you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the case team.

Yours sincerely

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Lead Member of the Examining Authority

