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Dear Ms Robbins,

THE H2TEESSIDE PROJECT

APPLICATION BY H2 TEESSIDE LIMITED FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE H2TEESSIDE PROJECT

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE DEADLINE 1 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

I write on behalf of the Applicant, H2 Teesside Limited, to provide its Deadline 1 submission in respect of the examination the H2 Teesside Project.

The Applicant's Deadline 1 submission can be downloaded using the link to the secure file share site below:

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The Deadline 1 submission comprises the following documents:

1. Document Ref. 1.2 – Application Guide – this has been updated for Deadline 1. The new and updated documents being submitted for Deadline 1 are highlighted yellow within the document.
2. Document Ref. 2.17 – Typical elevation of above ground pipelines in context with surrounding features are provided (further to the Applicant's letter dated 15 August, and email dated 23 August – this relates to **[AS-002]** (Document Ref. 1.7) 'Section 51 Advice and Section 55 Checklist', Section 2.0, Table 2-1, No. 2 on page 4).
3. Document Ref. 3.1 – Updated Book of Reference (clean and tracked versions).
4. Document Ref. 3.1a – Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference.
5. Document Ref. 8.4 – Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations and Additional Submissions **[AS-023]** and **[AS-024]**.
6. Document Ref. 8.5 – Summary of Oral Submissions at ISH1 (please note that Appendix 1 of Document Reference 8.5 and Document Reference 8.6 (below) are submitted in response to ISH-AP3 **[EV3-006]**). The Applicant wishes to advise that there is no written summary of the oral submissions made to the Preliminary Meeting (held 28 August 2024).



7. Document Ref. 8.6 – The Net Zero Teesside Order as made.
8. Document Ref. 8.7 – Examination Progress Tracker.
9. Document Ref. 8.8 – Cover Letter (this document).
10. Document Ref. 8.9 – Draft itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection.
11. Document Refs. 9.1 to 9.13 – Draft Statements of Common Ground (SoCG). With regard to these, please note the following:
 - Both BOC and Natara have confirmed that they do not wish to enter into a SoCG and would prefer to focus on finalising Side Agreements and Protective Provisions. As such, no SoCGs have been submitted for these parties.
 - Document Refs. 9.1 to 9.12 are the parties listed at Annex B of the ExA's Rule 8 letter (dated 30 August 2024).
 - Document Ref. 9.13 is an additional party who has requested a SoCG.
 - Please note that with respect to Document Ref. 9.6 (National Highways), the Rule 8 letter states the Historical Railways Estate should be included as part of the SoCG. With regard to this, the Applicant wishes to clarify there are no interests held by Historical Railways Estate within the Order Limits and so does not intend to liaise with that organisation moving forward.
 - For clarity, we can confirm that, subject to the below, none of the SoCGs are submitted in agreed form with the other party, but are submitted so that the ExA can ascertain the progress the Applicant considers has been made on key issues. These same drafts have been sent to the respective Interested Parties for their consideration and an update on progress will be provided at Deadline 2.
 - The exception to this is Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, the Environment Agency ('EA') and the UK Health Security Agency, where elements of the SoCGs have been agreed.
 - The Applicant can also confirm that over the past month productive meetings have been held with the EA, Natural England, the Marine Management Organisation and landowners to help inform the SoCGs and to progress matters more generally. This is also reflected in the Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations (Document Ref. 8.4).
12. Document Ref. 9.14 – Statement of Commonality for SoCG. This is an initial draft to reflect the SoCG as submitted, which will be updated as the draft SoCG are progressed and finalised during the Examination.

The Applicant wishes to confirm that they wish to speak at the Open Floor and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings planned for the week commencing 11 November 2024, and in due course will provide the details of the speaker(s). The Applicant would also wish to speak at any Issue Specific Hearings that may be scheduled for that week.

Finally, the Applicant notes that Procedural Decision 7 of the Rule 8 Letter Annex A requests that the Applicant submit all of the documentation referred to in its submitted Errata Report (Document Ref. 8.2) [**PDA-021**].

In response to this the Applicant respectfully considers that, given the number of documents referred to in the Errata Report, and the minor nature of the changes highlighted, it would add substantial

inefficiency to the Examination to submit all of those documents again just to correct those minor issues.

Furthermore, given the Change Application is shortly to be submitted which will update some of the documents referred to, the Applicant considers it would likely cause confusion to Interested Parties in following what are the relevant documents to consider.

As such, it respectfully suggests that it does not submit updated application documents specifically just for the Errata Report matters.

Finally, further to the ExA's letter dated 10 September 2024, the Applicant wishes to confirm that no Artificial Intelligence (AI) was used to create or alter any part of its documents, information or data, submitted as part of this Examination.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and the accompany documents.

In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Geoff Bullock [REDACTED], Mia Scaggiante [REDACTED] or Nathan Cheung [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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