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Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS (“APPLICANT”) FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE LOWER THAMES CROSSING (“APPLICATION”) – COMMENT ON DEADLINE 4 (“DL4”) SUBMISSIONS

OUR CLIENT: HS1 LIMITED

We act on behalf of our Client, HS1 Limited. We write in response to the Applicant’s submissions at DL4.

At paragraph 6 of our Client’s Written Representation (submitted at Deadline 1), it objected to the Application in the following terms (the “Compulsory Powers Objection”):

HS1 objects to National Highways exercising powers of survey, compulsory acquisition or temporary possession (“compulsory powers”) in relation to HS1 land under the DCO without HS1’s consent. HS1 submits that protective provisions in the DCO must prevent the exercise of compulsory powers by National Highways unless HS1 agrees to this.

In its response to the Examining Authority’s questions 1.15.1.1, 1.15.1.2 and 1.15.1.3, the Applicant states that it “*is confident that agreement on all matters will be reached [with our Client] during the examination period*”.

While productive discussions are continuing between our Client and the Applicant, satisfactory progress has not yet been made in relation to the Compulsory Powers Objection. Our Client therefore requests the opportunity to be heard on this issue at either Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 4, which are currently scheduled for 17 October 2023 and 18 October 2023, respectively.

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Assuming that CAH 3 and CAH 4 are to take place as virtual events, our Client's preference would be to make its submissions via Teams.

Yours faithfully



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