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Subject: TR030007 – Immingham Eastern RoRo Terminal

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to your letter dated 9th July, please find beneath a joint response between the Applicant and VWG in reply:

The Applicant has been asked whether VWG have withdrawn their objection to the powers of compulsory acquisition of VWG's land interests at the port of Immingham – and which fall within the boundary of the proposed IERRT development.

At the time of responding VWG have not yet withdrawn their objection to the Applicant's proposed compulsory acquisition – but that said, the Applicant would not expect them to do so at this juncture. As the Applicant indicated in its formal response of 23 May 2024 to the Secretary of State's letter dated 9th May 2024, VWG are valued tenants of the Applicant and, as VWG indicated in their own response date 23 May 2024 - *"VWG wish to relocate that part of their vehicle storage area currently in the port of Immingham to the adjacent Port of Grimsby where it can be operated in tandem with a VWG storage facility already in place at that Port"*. The negotiations required to secure the move for VWG from the Port of Immingham to the Port of Grimsby are understandably taking time bearing in mind the need to accommodate all legal, procurement and property issues and whilst those negotiations are proceeding extremely positively and amicably, it would seem likely that an agreement for lease will now not be completed until the early part of Quarter 1, 2025. It is not anticipated, however, that this timescale will cause the Applicant any difficulty in terms the implementation of the IERRT DCO in that VWG occupy what is known, as far as the IERRT development is concerned, as the "Western Storage Area" - and on the assumption that the Secretary of State approves the Applicant's application for the IERRT DCO, development works will be concentrated initially on the provision of the Northern and Central Storage Areas. In conclusion, as far as the Applicant is concerned, both parties remain committed to securing an amicable solution and whilst the Applicant sees no reason why this should not be achieved in a reasonable timescale, the Secretary of State will understand that in the meantime, in order to protect their respective commercial interests, the Applicant is unable to withdraw its ability as currently provided in the draft DCO to acquire that part of the statutory port estate compulsorily and similarly VWG is not yet in a position to withdraw its objection to those powers of compulsory acquisition."

Yours faithfully

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