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Dear Members of the Examining Authority

Application from Associated British Ports for the Immingham Green Energy Terminal ("IGET") Development Consent Order ("DCO") at the Port of Immingham, North East LincoInshire – Written Representations (Deadline 1)

On 1 December 2023, the Environment Agency made Relevant Representations [RR-010] on the proposal by Associated British Ports ('the Applicant') to construct, operate and maintain a multi-user liquid bulk green energy terminal with an associated hydrogen production facility ('the Project') on the eastern side of the Port of Immingham, in North East Lincolnshire. The purpose of these Written Representations is to provide an update on the issues, which require further discussion/negotiation, as outlined in those Relevant Representations.

2.1 Draft Development Consent Order [APP-006]

We note that a revision to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) was submitted at Procedural Deadline A [PDA-005], which confirmed acceptance of some of the Environment Agency's requested amendments. Accordingly, I can confirm that we are satisfied that the following matters are now resolved:

- Requirement 6 (Construction Environmental Management Plan RR-010, paragraph 3.5) – request to be a consultee now included;
- Requirement 18 (Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan RR-010, paragraph 3.8 – request to be a consultee now included;
- Schedule 17, Article 63 (Procedure regarding certain approvals RR-010, paragraphs 3.13-3.16) – 20 business days included to provide sufficient consultation timescales.

Following the discussion during Issue Specific Hearing 2 regarding the definition of 'commence' and the exclusions contained in that definition, we look forward to reviewing the Applicant's note on this matter, requested by the Examining Authority (action point 13), and we will provide further representations on this matter in due course. We note that at Deadline 2 the Examining Authority requests comments on all information submitted at Deadline 1. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide our comments on this at Deadline 2 (due to limited time and staff resources between these deadlines). However, we hope to provide comments either during the Hearings to be held in April or at Deadline 3.

We are continuing discussions on all other outstanding matters (as detailed in our Relevant Representations) with the Applicant; these are also now recorded in a first draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), which the Applicant will submit on our behalf at Deadline 1. Further progress on resolving these matters will be recorded in future iterations of the SoCG.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours faithfully

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