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Subject: Ref WW010001: Second ExA Questions

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached comments from the MMO, regarding the second round of ExA questions.

Best regards

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10 January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Thames Tideway Tunnel Development Consent Order 2013 – Second Written Examination Authority (ExA) Questions

I write in response to the ExA second round of questions and request for statements of common ground (SoCG). Thames Water has submitted to the ExA an updated SoCG, which has incorporated comments from the MMO on the recent DCO revision (along with other supplementary documents). The MMO would highlight that the SoCG does not currently incorporate comments it has provided to Thames Water or discussion recently held between both parties.

With regard to the ExA second written questions, the MMO have identified one question posed, for which we consider it necessary to comment. ExA question 21.5 asks *would this approach provide adequate protection to the aquatic ecology or, alternatively, should be approval be required from an appropriate body?* This question has been posed in response to the Thames Waters statement that dredging would be avoided during periods which are important for aquatic species except where agreed by the employer.

The MMO have provided a draft deemed marine licence (DML) condition for the control of such matters. The condition requires the undertaker to provide detailed methodologies and plans for proposed dredging works, which will, in consultation with the Environment Agency and the Port of London Authority, be approved by the MMO prior to the commencement of any such activity. The MMO consider that such a requirement will offer an appropriate level of review and approval for dredging activity within the River Thames. This requirement was adopted in the December 2013 version Development Consent Order (DCO).

Should the ExA wish any matter above to be clarified further by the MMO then please do contact myself direct on the details provided below.



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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Morgan', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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