

### **Ørsted IPs – Deadline 4 Submission**

This submission is made on behalf of Hornsea 1 Limited, the collective of Breesea Limited, Soundmark Wind Limited, Sonningmay Limited and Optimus Wind Limited (together, the “**Hornsea 2 Companies**”), Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited, Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited, Lincs Wind Farm Limited, Westernmost Rough Limited and Race Bank Wind Farm Limited (together or in any combination, the “**Ørsted IPs**”).

This submission provides an update, following discussion between the Ørsted IPs and the Applicant, on the various matters discussed during Issue Specific Hearing 2 (“**ISH2**”) and contains the responses of the Ørsted IPs to the relevant questions in the Examining Authority’s Second Written Questions [**PD-020**].

### **Update on matters discussed at ISH2**

#### **Wake loss/assessment**

The Ørsted IPs and the Applicant are now engaged in discussions under Non-Disclosure Agreements regarding wake effects. The Ørsted IPs understand, from these discussions with the Applicant, that the Applicant will submit a summary of its internal wake assessment into the Examination at Deadline 4. The Ørsted IPs will therefore review this summary assessment and provide comments by Deadline 5.

#### **Agreement negotiations**

The Ørsted IPs are engaged with the Applicant on a draft proximity agreement in relation to the Outer Dowsing Project’s export cable corridor and the offshore array area for the Lincs Offshore Wind Farm. The Ørsted IPs and the Applicant intend to replicate the proposed terms in a similar such agreement for the Race Bank Offshore Wind Farm, with a view to reaching an agreed form on these agreements before the end of the Examination.

In addition, Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited maintains the concern raised in its Relevant Representation [**RR-051**] that there is the potential for overlap of offshore construction activities between the Outer Dowsing Project and the Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm, and continues to request that the Applicant engages with Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited on a cooperation agreement between the parties, to ensure appropriate coordination of those activities particularly with regards to the Southern North Sea SAC and the site integrity plan.

#### **Consultation on documents**

The Ørsted IPs continue to await confirmation from the Applicant that both the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan [**REP2-033**] and the Outline Vessel Management Plan [**PD1-064**] will be updated by the Applicant to make specific reference to confirm that Lincs Wind Farm Limited and Race Bank Wind Farm Limited will be consulted by the Applicant as part of the preparation of these documents, as requested by these Ørsted IPs in previous submissions ([**REP2-076**] and [**REP3-062**]).

**Ørsted IPs' responses to ExQ2**

ExQ2	Question to	Question	Ørsted IPs' Response
Q2 OG 1.1	Ørsted IPs	<p><b>Potential monitoring implications of cumulative ecological and ornithological effects</b></p> <p>Please confirm if the Ørsted IPs are satisfied with the applicant's response to its answer to ExQ1 OG 1.4 [REP3-054] in which it confirms that the Lincs Offshore Wind Farm is included in the ornithological cumulative effect assessment set out in ES Chapter 12 Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology [AS1-040]?</p>	The Ørsted IPs confirm that they are satisfied with the Applicant's confirmation that the Lincs Offshore Wind Farm has been included in the ornithological cumulative effect assessment.
Q2 OG 1.4	The Applicant Perenco Ørsted IPs	<p><b>Protective provisions</b></p> <p>The Examining Authority (ExA) is due to publish its preferred draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), proposed schedule of changes, or commentary on the dDCO (if required) on 17 February. The ExA notes that the need for, and potential drafting of protective provisions is under discussion in relation to offshore infrastructure, including with Perenco [REP2-077] and the Ørsted IPs [REP3-062]. An action point for interested parties to submit preferred wording for protective provisions by deadline 4 was set at Issue Specific Hearing 1 [EV5-008].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please provide preferred drafting of protective provisions, if required, along with commentary to justify their inclusion in the dDCO. If there is dispute between parties, make the nature of this clear.</li> </ul>	<p>The Ørsted IPs have provided the Applicant with a draft of its preferred form of protective provisions for the benefit of the Ørsted IPs, in order to commence discussions on this matter.</p> <p>The Ørsted IPs will be in a position to provide an update on the negotiations of these protective provisions once discussions have commenced.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If draft protective provisions are being discussed with other offshore parties, the applicant and relevant parties are invited to provide details as above.</li> </ul>	
Q2 SN 1.1	Ørsted IPs	<p><b>Cumulative Routeing and Navigational Risks</b></p> <p>In its response to Q1 SN 1.2 [REP2-076], the Ørsted IPs mentioned considering a review of the NRA. The Ørsted IPs are requested to provide an update on whether the decision to review the NRA has been made? If the review has been conducted, please outline the concerns identified and how they might be addressed.</p>	<p>The Ørsted IPs have undertaken an internal review of the Applicant's NRA and an external review may also be commissioned. The Ørsted IPs note that the Applicant's NRA does not contain a sufficiently broad risk assessment. The Applicant has assessed the following potential impacts with respect to nearby Oil &amp; Gas ("O&amp;G") installations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helicopter access and egress is assessed within [APP-175]; and</li> <li>Vessel and rig access, alongside allision frequency, is assessed within [APP-172].</li> </ul> <p>The Reactive Compensation Substations ("RCS") for both the Hornsea 1 and Hornsea 2 Offshore Wind Farms are each located within the Study Areas that are delineated within both [APP-175] and [APP-172].</p> <p>The potential impacts assessed are as applicable to RCSs as they are to O&amp;G installations. The Ørsted IPs request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The scope of [APP-175] is extended to include the helideck-equipped Hornsea 1 RCS; and</li> <li>The scope of [APP-172] is extended to include both the Hornsea 1 RCS and the Hornsea 2 RCS.</li> </ul> <p>The Ørsted IPs have discussed the above response to Q2 SN 1.1 with Diamond Transmission Partners RB Limited ("DTP") and have received confirmation from DTP that they support this response in full.</p>

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			In addition, the Ørsted IPs continue to seek consultation on the Outline Vessel Management Plan as stated above and in previous submissions.