

Perenco Post-hearing submission (including written summaries of oral case put at ISH8, 19 March 2025)

As described by both Perenco and the Applicant at ISH8, constructive discussions have been in progress since before the start of the DCO examination and both parties are still confident of entering into a confidential agreement. The three areas of concern to Perenco are:

- Ensuring the integrity of safety critical line of sight communications
- Ensuring marine access to avoid disruption of remaining production operations and subsequent decommissioning operations
- Mitigating the disruption and economic loss arising from restrictions to helicopter flights in proximity to the proposed development.

In expectation of entering a confidential agreement, Perenco has worked with the Applicant to draft protective provisions that would be acceptable in conjunction with such an agreement. Whilst the Applicant and Perenco submitted slightly different draft protective provisions at DL5, drafting has now been agreed apart from one technical detail, and, with that exception, Perenco and the Applicant intend to submit identical draft protective provisions at this deadline 6. As noted by Perenco at DL5, these protective provisions would only be acceptable to Perenco in conjunction with an appropriate confidential commercial agreement.

As indicated by the Applicant at ISH8, the first draft of an associated confidential agreement was not provided to Perenco by the Applicant until 18 March 2025. Constructive discussions between the parties have followed. It is nevertheless unlikely that the agreement will have been executed prior to the close of the DCO examination. Perenco therefore requests that the Secretary of State confirms that the confidential agreement has been entered into prior to adopting the above-mentioned protective provisions.