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Dear Planning Inspectorate

**Our client: Gwynt y Môr OFTO Plc ("GyM OFTO")**

**DCO scheme: Mona Offshore Wind Project**

**Applicant: Mona Offshore Wind Limited**

**Subject: Update on status of negotiations between GyM OFTO and the Applicant**

Following our previous correspondence by letter dated 14 January 2025 (REP7-151), Osborne Clarke continue to act on behalf of GyM OFTO.

GyM OFTO is a statutory undertaker with an offshore transmission owner's licence. GyM OFTO owns and operates the transmission infrastructure for the Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm. The wind farm comprises 160 wind turbine generators connected onshore by four c.20km subsea export cables, with onshore cables of c.11km long connecting to the 400kV onshore substation at Bodelwyddan, near St. Asaph (the "**Bodelwyddan National Grid Substation**").

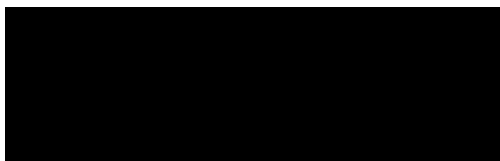
GyM OFTO have requested protective provisions due to the interactions with GyM OFTO's transmission assets including the Bodelwyddan National Grid Substation. At Deadline 7 (REP7-151), GyM OFTO raised specific concerns in relation to:

- (i) Overlapping planning permissions and the implications of disapplying aspects of GyM OFTO's existing planning permission including the process for engagement with the local planning authority in respect of any enforcement action;
- (ii) Asset protection and adequate safeguards for GyM OFTO's existing infrastructure, including the interaction with the drainage ditch at plot 11-220 and 11-222; and
- (iii) The need to secure appropriate mechanisms within legal documentation (yet to be agreed) – for example, deeds of consent relating to GyM OFTO's existing property rights and compliance with existing landowner agreements.

We understand that there are no protective provisions currently on the face of the draft DCO. However the GyM OFTO has been liaising with representatives of the Applicant to agree a suitable form of protective provisions, along with a supplemental commercial side agreement to be entered into between the parties, so as to manage the interactions between the assets and offer suitable protection for GyM OFTO.

GyM OFTO and the Applicant have agreed the principle of this statement for submission to the Secretary of State to confirm that the parties have been in discussion following the close of Examination. Good progress has been made and there is only one matter left outstanding between the parties. The parties believe that a final agreed position will be reached shortly and a further update made to the Secretary of State thereafter.


Yours sincerely

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