

Planning Act 2008

The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

Certificate of compliance with regulation 16

I hereby certify that, in compliance with the requirements under regulation 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 –

- a) Notice of the application was given to the persons identified under regulation 11; and
- b) a copy of the accepted application, including the environmental statement and a map was given to the consultation bodies in accordance with regulation 16

– in relation to the application for an order to grant development consent for the UK elements of Xlinks' Morocco-UK Power Project ("the Proposed Development") along the route of an approximately 370 kilometre ("km") offshore corridor within UK waters, an approximately 14.5km onshore cable corridor between Cornborough Range and fields to the Northwest of Alverdiscott National Grid Substation in Devon.

All onshore elements of the Proposed Development are located within the administrative area of Torridge District Council in the County of Devon, with some highways works in the administrative area of North Devon Council.. The offshore elements of the Proposed Development extend from Cornborough Range, also in Torridge, to the seaward limit of the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone ("EEZ").

The Proposed Development is split into three distinctive elements, as follows:

Onshore elements

- Two independent 1.8GW converter stations plus external equipment, landscaping and other ancillary buildings (the "Converter Site") to convert electricity from Direct Current ("DC") into Alternating Current ("AC") before transmission to the national grid, located west of the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400 kilovolt ("kV") substation.
- 12 High Voltage Alternating Current ("HVAC") cables connecting the Converter Site into the National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation, each approximately 1.2km in length
- Four High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") cables to link the onshore converter stations to a landfall site at Cornborough Range, buried in bundled pairs with six fibre optic cables in a corridor approximately 14.5km long and approximately 32 metres ("m") wide.

Landfall site

- A landfall point at Cornborough Range on the Devon coast, 4km west of Bideford, hosting two transition joint bays to transition from offshore HVDC cables to onshore HVDC cables.

Offshore elements

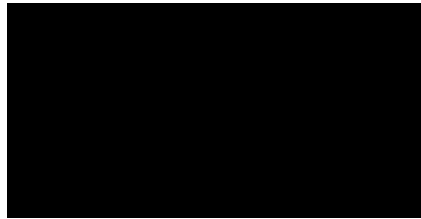
- Four HVDC cables which would bring electricity from the Project's generation assets in Morocco to the UK landfall point. The UK cables would be located within the UK EEZ in a corridor approximately 370km in length and 500m wide (extending up to 1.5km wide at some crossing locations). These would be in bundled pairs with two fibre optic cables (one per pair).

The Proposed Development will include other required works, such as temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites, ancillary works, temporary and permanent utility connections, permanent utility diversions, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development.

(Completed certificate to be received by the Secretary of State no later than 10 working days after the deadline date stating the applicant has fulfilled all the requirements at (a) and (b))

Case Reference No.: EN010164

Applicant: Xlinks 1 Ltd



Signed:

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Date: 14th March 2025