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Dear Sir / Madam,

APPLICATION BY UNIPER UK FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE CONNAH'S QUAY LOW CARBON POWER PROJECT (PINS REF: EN010166)

SECRETARY OF STATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF TATA STEEL UK LIMITED (INTERESTED PARTY REFERENCE: [redacted])

On behalf of our client, Tata Steel UK Limited (Tata Steel) (Interested Party Reference: [redacted]), please find enclosed comments in relation to the application by Uniper UK for an order granting development consent for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project.

These comments are submitted in response to the Secretary of State's first request for information (dated 8 October 2026), which specifically asks Tata Steel to provide an update.

Tata Steel is the freehold owner of Shotton Steelworks (the "Works"). Uniper UK is currently seeking a Development Consent Order relating to a low carbon capture project ("the DCO") in the vicinity of the Works.

The DCO includes part of the Works, in respect of which temporary possession is sought for the re-establishment and use of waterborne transport offloading facilities at Connah's Quay North and temporary accommodation works to facilitate a haulage route on existing roads.

Tata Steel's comments in response to the Secretary of State's requests are provided below.

Secretary of Statement Information Request

The Secretary of State asks the applicant to provide an update on the status of negotiations in relation to the voluntary agreement with Tata Steel UK Limited at paragraph 41 of their letter.

Tata Steel can confirm that together with its advisors, it is in continued discussions as to a contractual arrangement with the applicant. Whilst the agreement is not yet in place, good progress has been made and the majority of issues have now been agreed.

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Tata Steel continues to cooperate with the Applicant and hopes to reach agreement in a timely manner, hopefully early in 2027.

At paragraph 42 of the letter, the Secretary of State asks Tata Steel to provide an update on the status of its negotiations in relation to its protective provisions.

Tata Steel can confirm that no further progress has been made in response to the request for the inclusion of protective provisions in the development consent order. The applicant has not had any further dialogue with Tata Steel in response to its draft protective provisions as provided at Deadline 6 of the Examination.

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Director

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