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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the Environmental Statement

- 1.1.1 The Environmental Statement (ES) has been prepared on behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited (the ‘Applicant’) in relation to an application (the Application) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of Light Valley Solar (hereafter referred to as the ‘Proposed Development’).
- 1.1.2 As the Proposed Development comprises the construction of a generating station with a capacity over 100 MW, it is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (Ref 1) and therefore must be consented by way of a DCO. The DCO Application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), with the decision whether to grant a DCO being made by the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (hereafter referred to as the ‘Secretary of State’) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008. The Proposed Development is located within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council, near Selby.
- 1.1.3 The DCO Application will seek consent for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility and energy storage facility. The Applicant has secured a 500 MW connection to the National Grid.
- 1.1.4 In accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) (Ref 2), this Environmental Statement (ES) accompanies the DCO Application submitted to PINS for the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.5 A glossary and list of abbreviations for the ES is provided in the Contents, Glossary and Abbreviations document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.00].

## 1.2 Overview of Proposed Development

- 1.2.1 The Proposed Development will be located within the Order Limits as shown in Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan and Order Limits (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.01.01]. The Order Limits outline the maximum extent of the land that will be required to facilitate the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Proposed Development as depicted on the Works Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.03].
- 1.2.2 The Proposed Development comprises a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station of over 500 megawatts (MW) and associated development comprising Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), substations, grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases.

- 1.2.3 The Order Limits cover an area of approximately 1,270 hectares (ha) located within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council, near Selby. It is possible that some temporary works may be required for construction access within the jurisdiction on York City Council.
- 1.2.4 The Point of Connection (PoC) for the Proposed Development will be at the Monk Fryston 275 kV National Grid Substation (Monk Fryston Substation).
- 1.2.5 The Proposed Development comprises four broad areas:
- 1) The seven sites (referred to collectively as the Solar Development Sites) where the Solar Arrays, Battery Energy Storage, and other associated development would be located – with a total area of 900 ha;
  - 2) The Cable Route Corridor within which the underground cables connecting the Solar Development Sites and PoC will be located – with a total area of 328.5 ha;
  - 3) Highways Improvement Areas (HIA) which are sections of the highway network that will contain localised improvements – with a total area of 17.1 ha; and
  - 4) Solar Development Site 8 Access which will provide optionality to access Solar Development Site 8 from the north of the site – with a total area of 24.1 ha.
- 1.2.6 A full description of the Proposed Development is provided in Chapter 2: The Proposed Development (ES Volume 1) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02].

## The Site

- 1.2.7 The Order Limits (Figure 1.1 Site Location Plan and Order Limits (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.01.01]) comprises seven ‘Solar Development Sites’ (herein referred to as ‘Solar Development Sites’/‘Solar Development Sites 1-4 and 6-8’ or individually<sup>1</sup>) which cover a combined area of 900.2 ha. Including the Cable Route Corridors, HIA and Solar Development Site 8 Access, the total area of the Order Limits is approximately 1,270 ha.
- 1.2.8 All the Solar Development Sites comprise areas for the solar photovoltaic (PV) modules and associated infrastructure including substations, BESS, switch rooms, conversion units and spare parts storage (referred to as ‘Solar Development Areas’ see Figure 2.1: Illustrative Site Layout Plans (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.02.01]); plus areas that comprise existing environmental features to be retained and/or enhanced for biodiversity net gain, as well as new areas identified for environmental mitigation and enhancement (referred to as ‘Retained and/or Environmental Mitigation/Enhancement Areas’,

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<sup>1</sup> Solar Development Site 5, as presented in the EIA Scoping Report and at Phase One (non-statutory) Consultation, has been removed from the Proposed Development following flood modelling undertaken by the Applicant. This confirmed that Solar Development Site 5 is not suitable for development due to potential flood depths experienced on the site. Solar Development Site 5 is no longer part of the Proposed Development; however, the site numbering sequence remains to provide consistency and transparency on how the design has evolved during the Pre-application Stage.

see Figure 2.1: Illustrative Site Layout Plans (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.02.01]).

- 1.2.9 It is anticipated that the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) will be located within Solar Development Site two (see Figure 2.1: Illustrative Site Layout Plans (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.02.01]).
- 1.2.10 It is anticipated that on-site substations will be located within Solar Development Sites one, two and four (see Figure 2.1: Illustrative Site Layout Plans (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.02.01]).
- 1.2.11 In addition, the Order Limits includes a Cable Route Corridor within which the cable connections will run between the Solar Development Sites and the existing Monk Fryston Substation where the project will connect to the National Grid (see Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan and Order Limits (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.01.01]).
- 1.2.12 The Proposed Development is packaged up into Works numbers and the limits of deviation for these works is shown on the Works Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.03].

### The Cable Route Corridor

- 1.2.13 The Cable Route Corridor is shown in Figure 1.1: Site Location Plan and Order Limits (ES Volume 2) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.01.01]. The Cable Route Corridor will comprise buried and underground electrical cables that will connect the Sites to the PoC at Monk Fryston Substation.
- 1.2.14 Within the Order Limits of the Cable Route Corridor, the working width is generally approximately 25 m wide but is slightly wider in places and narrower in others along its length. The cable trench is anticipated to be up to 7 m wide in instances where multiple cables are running in parallel within the same trench. This wider approach to the working area provides flexibility to the Applicant at this stage whilst providing certainty that effects will be no greater than those assessed in the ES.
- 1.2.15 Temporary Cable Construction Compounds associated with the Cable Route Corridor will be required along the route as indicated on the Work Plans (Work No.5) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.03].

## 1.3 The Applicant

- 1.3.1 The Proposed Development is being led by the Applicant, Light Valley Solar Limited, which is a subsidiary of Island Green Power (IGP) UK Limited. IGP is a leading international developer of renewable energy projects, established in 2013.
- 1.3.2 IGP has successfully delivered nearly 40 projects worldwide that have generated more than 3 GW of energy capacity. This includes 21 solar projects in the UK. Their projects include the Cottam and West Burton Solar Projects, consented

under the DCO regime. Their mission is to increase solar energy usage, making more renewable energy possible and reducing carbon emissions.

## 1.4 Need for the Proposed Development

### Global commitments to decarbonisation

- 1.4.1 In March 2023, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published its 2023 assessment of global climate change. The report (Ref 3) concludes that the world is likely to pass a dangerous temperature threshold within the next 10 years, pushing the planet past the point of catastrophic warming – unless nations drastically transform their economies and immediately transition away from fossil fuels.

### UK commitments to decarbonisation

- 1.4.2 In June 2019, Government passed law to end the UK's contribution to global warming by 2050: Net Zero. In December 2024, government published their Clean Power 2030 Action Plan (Ref 4) which reinforces the urgent need for low carbon generation schemes to come forward to pave the way to decarbonise the wider economy (including heat, transport and industry) by 2050. UK electricity demand is expected to double by 2050 as the country pursues the electrification of heat in buildings, transport, and industry.
- 1.4.3 The Clean Power 2030 Action Plan includes a capacity range for solar power (excluding additional rooftop solar projects) of 45-47GW by 2030 and 45-69GW by 2035.

## 1.5 Structure of the Environmental Statement

- 1.5.1 Environmental impacts arising from the Proposed Development have been studied systematically as part of the EIA process, and the results are presented within this ES. The baseline for the assessment has been derived from surveys and studies within and around the Order Limits, in the Study Areas defined by each technical assessment chapter. The assessment methodology is explained within Chapter 4: Approach to EIA (ES Volume 1) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.04], including the approach to cumulative assessment, and, where relevant, in the methodology section of each technical assessment chapter.
- 1.5.2 The EIA process has considered impacts resulting from the construction, operation (including maintenance and replacement) and decommissioning phases of the Proposed Development, and considers mitigation measures to avoid, reduce or offset any likely significant adverse effects on the environment and where practicable, enhance the environment.
- 1.5.3 The ES also identifies any residual effects, defined as effects remaining following the inclusion or adoption of mitigation measures.

1.5.4 The structure of this ES is outlined in Table 1-1 below. The Applicant is advised by a team of experienced and qualified environmental consultants. A Statement of Competence of the relevant assessors and chapter authors, as required under Regulation 14.4 of the EIA Regulations (Ref 2), is provided at Appendix 1.4: Statement of Competence (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.04].

**Table 1-1 ES Structure**

Document	Consultant
<b>Volume 1 – Main Statement</b>	<b>Coordinated by Arup</b>
Chapter 1: Introduction	Arup
Chapter 2: The Proposed Development	Arup
Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration	AECOM
Chapter 4: Approach to EIA	Arup
Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils	Reading Agriculture
Chapter 6: Biodiversity	Tyler Grange
Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience	Arup
Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage	Arup
Chapter 9: Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Arup
Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual	Arup
Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration	Arup
Chapter 12: Ornithology	Avian Ecology
Chapter 13: Socioeconomics	Arup
Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement	Arup
Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk	Arup
Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Construction dust assessment</li> <li>▪ Arboricultural Impact Assessment</li> <li>▪ Ground conditions Preliminary Risk Assessment</li> <li>▪ Glint and Glare Assessment (including in respect of aviation receptors)</li> <li>▪ Plume Assessment</li> <li>▪ EMF Report</li> </ul>	Arup, Treeworks, PagerPower and Arcadis.
Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects	Arup
Chapter 18: Conclusions and Summary of Environmental Effects	Arup
<b>Volume 2 - Figures</b>	<b>Coordinated by Arup</b>
<b>Volume 3 – Technical Appendices</b>	<b>Coordinated by Arup</b>

Document	Consultant
Volume 4 – Non-Technical Summary	Coordinated by Arup

## Information required by the EIA Regulations

1.5.5 Table 1-2 presents the information required by Regulation 14(2) of and Schedule 4 to the EIA Regulations (Ref 2) and where this information is located within the ES.

**Table 1-2 Requirements of Regulation 14(2) of and Schedule 4 to the EIA Regulations**

Requirement	Location in this ES
1. a) a description of the location of the development	Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]
1. b) a description of the physical characteristics of the whole development, including where relevant, requisite demolition works, and the land-use requirements during the construction and operational phases	Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]
1. c) a description of the main characteristics of the operational phase of the development (in particular any production process), for instance, energy demand and energy used, nature and quantity of the materials and natural resources (including water, land, soil and biodiversity) used.	Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]
1. d) an estimate, by type and quantity, of expected residues and emissions (such as water, air, soil and subsoil pollution, noise, vibration, light, heat, radiation and quantities and types of waste produced during the construction and operation phases.	Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02] Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07] Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.11] Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]

Requirement	Location in this ES
<p>2. A description of the reasonable alternatives (for example in terms of development design, technology, location, size and scale) studied by the developer, which are relevant to the proposed project and its specific characteristics, and an indication of the main reasons for selecting the chosen option, including a comparison of the environmental effects.</p>	<p>Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] Appendix 3.1: Site Selection Assessment Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]</p>
<p>3. A description of the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment (baseline scenario) and an outline of the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the development as far as natural changes from the baseline scenario can be assessed with reasonable effort on the basis of the availability of environmental information and scientific knowledge.</p>	<p>Section 7: Baseline Conditions of Chapters 5 to 16 (technical assessments) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] to [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]</p>
<p>4. A description of the factors specified in Regulation 5(2) likely to be significantly affected by the development: population, human health, biodiversity (for example fauna and flora), land (for example land take), soil (for example organic matter, erosion, compaction, sealing) water (for example hydro morphological changes, quantity and quality), air, climate (for example greenhouse gas emissions, impacts relevant to adaptation), material assets, cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological aspects, and landscape.</p>	<p>Chapters 5 to 16 (technical assessments) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] to [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]</p>
<p>5. A description of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment resulting from, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The construction and existence of the development, including, where relevant, demolition works.</li> <li>b) The use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity, considering as far as possible the sustainable availability of these resources.</li> <li>c) The emission of pollutants, noise, vibration, light, heat and radiation, the</li> </ul>	<p>Chapters 5 to 16 (technical assessments) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] to [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16] Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17]</p>

Requirement	Location in this ES
<p>creation of nuisances, and the disposal and recover of waste.</p> <p>d) The risks to human health, cultural heritage or the environmental (for example due to accidents or disasters).</p> <p>e) The cumulation of effects with other existing and/or approved projects, taking into account any existing environmental problems relating to areas of particular environmental importance likely to be affected or the use of natural resources.</p> <p>f) The impact of the project on climate (for example the nature and magnitude of greenhouse gas emissions) and the vulnerability of the project to climate change.</p> <p>g) The technologies and the substances used. The description of the likely significant effects on the factors specified in Regulation 5(2) should cover the direct effects and any indirect, secondary, cumulative, transboundary, short-term, medium-term, long-term, permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects of the development.</p>	
<p>6. A description of the forecasting methods or evidence, used to identify and assess the significance on the environment, including details of difficulties (for example technical deficiencies or lack of knowledge) encountered compiling the required information and the main uncertainties.</p>	<p>Chapters 5 to 16 (technical assessments) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] to [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]</p>
<p>7. A description of the measures envisaged to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any identified significant adverse effects on the environment and, where appropriate, of any proposed monitoring arrangements (for example the preparation of a post project analysis). That description should explain the extent, to which significant adverse effects on the environment are avoided, prevented, reduced or offset and should cover both the construction and operational phases.</p>	<p>Chapters 5 to 16 (technical assessments) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] to [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]</p>
<p>8. A description of the expected significant adverse effects of the development on</p>	<p>It was agreed in the EIA Scoping Opinion (Appendix 1.2 (ES Volume</p>

Requirement	Location in this ES
<p>the environment deriving from the vulnerability of the development to risks of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned.</p>	<p>3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.02] that Major Accidents and Disasters could be scoped out of the EIA on the basis that potential risks are considered through other aspect chapters. Appropriate best practice and mitigation measures will be in place via the CEMP, including to reduce risk of electrical fires and explosions. The following documents include further consideration and management of risks: Chapter 2: The Proposed Development (ES Volume 1) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02] Appendix 16.4: Glint and Glare Assessment (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04] Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (oBSMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06] Appendix 16.3: Ground Conditions Preliminary Risk Assessment (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.03]</p>
<p>9. A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1 to 8.</p>	<p>Non-Technical Summary [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.04.01]</p>
<p>10. A reference list detailing the sources used for the descriptions and assessments included in the ES.</p>	<p>Chapters 5 to 16 (technical assessments) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] to [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16] Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17]</p>

## 1.6 Consultation

1.6.1 The DCO process sets out several statutory requirements regarding consultation. The Planning Act 2008 (Ref 1) requires applicants to carry out statutory consultation on their proposals ahead of submission of a DCO Application. The requirements are:

- 1) Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant to consult with the prescribed persons which includes consultation bodies such as Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England, host authorities,

neighbouring authorities and persons with interest in the land and those who may be affected by the Proposed Development.

- 2) Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant to consult with the local community. As part of this, a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) must be prepared which sets out how the applicant proposed to consult on the Proposed Development. The Applicant must consult with the host authorities on this document and have regard to their comments.
- 3) Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant to publicise the Proposed Development in the prescribed manner in a national newspaper, The London Gazette, and local newspapers. The Section 48 notice also needs to be sent to prescribed consultees.
- 4) Section 49 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant to have regard to any relevant responses received to the consultation and publicity that is required by Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

## Consultation to date

### Initial engagement and non-statutory consultation

- 1.6.2 From September 2024, the Applicant contacted and offered briefing opportunities to identified stakeholders representing members of the community. In October 2024, the Applicant introduced the Proposed Development to identified stakeholders and local communities ahead of commencing Phase One (Non-statutory) Consultation; which took place from 24 October to 5 December 2024. Initial, informal consultation took place with relevant stakeholders throughout, and beyond, the periods mentioned above, with regular meetings held with host authorities and other bodies as necessary.
- 1.6.3 Throughout the pre-application stage a number of meetings and correspondence has taken place with statutory consultees to introduce the Proposed Development and commence discussions on detailed matters relating to the Proposed Development. Statutory consultees consulted with included:
  - 1) North Yorkshire Council;
  - 2) Parish Councils;
  - 3) Office of the Local Member of Parliament;
  - 4) Historic England;
  - 5) Environment Agency;
  - 6) Lead Local Flood Authority;
  - 7) Natural England;
  - 8) National Highways;
  - 9) North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service; and

10) Canal and Rivers Trust.

1.6.4 Non-statutory consultation is described in the Consultation Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01] supporting the DCO Application. Within each technical chapter of the ES there is further detail on any topic specific engagement that has taken place with statutory consultees to date. Non-statutory consultees engaged with include:

- 1) Ouse and Derwent Area Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and Selby Area IDB;
- 2) RSPB; and
- 3) Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

### EIA Scoping consultation

1.6.5 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued on 19 December 2024, available at Appendix 1.2: EIA Scoping Opinion (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.02]. In the preparation of the EIA Scoping Report, consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders where practicable. PINS consulted on the EIA Scoping Report, with the prescribed consultation bodies (but no other consultees), as listed in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (Ref 7). Those responses were included in the EIA Scoping Opinion issued by PINS. Any key matters raised in those responses are covered in the individual aspect ES chapters.

### Design workshops

1.6.6 Two design workshops were undertaken in June 2025. Attendees included members of North Yorkshire Council as well as parish councillors and local community and interest groups. The workshops included an overview of the evolving design for the Proposed Development and provided an opportunity for attendees to comment on, and input to, design development. Further information on this is provided in the Consultation Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01].

### Statutory consultation

1.6.7 A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) was prepared and published as part of the Applicant's statutory consultation on 26 June 2025 to satisfy the requirements of the EIA Regulations (Ref 2). Preliminary environmental information is defined in Regulation 12(2) of the EIA Regulations as information "*which (a) has been compiled by the applicant; and (b) is reasonably required for the consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the development (and of any associated development).*"

1.6.8 PINS Advice Note 7 (EIA Process, Preliminary Environmental Information, and Environmental Statements) (Ref 6) notes "A good PEI document is one that enables consultees (both specialist and non-specialist) to understand the likely environmental effects of the Proposed Development and helps to inform their

*consultation responses on the Proposed Development during the pre-application stage.”*

- 1.6.9 The PEIR enabled consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of the Proposed Development. It presented the preliminary findings of the environmental assessments undertaken up to that point. This allowed consultees the opportunity to provide informed comments on the Proposed Development, the assessment process, and preliminary findings prior to the finalisation of the Application and this ES.
- 1.6.10 Statutory consultation was undertaken between Thursday 26 June 2025 to Thursday 7 August 2025, during which time the Applicant hosted a series of in-person and online events.
- 1.6.11 Following statutory consultation, targeted consultation was undertaken between 16 October 2025 and 20 November 2025, during which feedback was encouraged to comment on minor changes to the development boundary area, in relation to access points during construction and operation; visibility splays to ensure safe sightlines for vehicles entering and exiting the Proposed Development; passing places on narrow roads; access requirements for abnormal indivisible loads (less frequent but large delivery vehicles that have wider turner circles); cable route adjustments to avoid environmental and engineering constraints; and permissive paths to enable increased public access routes within the Solar Development Sites.
- 1.6.12 The issues that were raised by statutory and relevant non-statutory consultees through consultation and engagement and how these have been considered and, where appropriate, addressed within the design evolution of the Proposed Development and the EIA are set out in each of the technical chapters (Chapters 5 to 16) of this ES and Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Evolution [**EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03**].
- 1.6.13 The statutory consultation and targeted consultation undertaken by the Applicant is also documented within the Consultation Report that is provided as a separate document as part of the Application [**EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01**].

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