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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008

You have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (hereafter referred to as 'the Act'). The statutory consultation closes on 22 December 2017. Please see below for more information on how to view and comment on our proposed DCO application.

We are writing to consult with you on a proposed offshore wind farm, Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as Hornsea Three). DONG Energy (the Applicant) has changed its company name to Ørsted, following the recent divestment of the company's upstream oil and gas business. Hornsea Three will continue to be developed by Ørsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd¹. For more information visit www.ored.co.uk

Hornsea Three is located in the southern North Sea. From the Norfolk coast, underground onshore cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station or a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) substation, which in turn, will connect to the existing Norwich Main National Grid substation, located to the south of Norwich.

This Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Act is further to consultation undertaken in accordance with the Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("Statutory Consultation") between 27 July and 20 September 2017. That previous round of consultation encompassed a 1.5km wide offshore cable corridor search area as well as a 200 metre wide onshore cable corridor search area within which a refined onshore cable corridor (80 metre wide) along with associated access routes and storage areas will be located. In considering responses to the first round of Statutory Consultation and through ongoing design development, Hornsea Three has identified locations where works are now proposed beyond that 200

¹ Previously DONG Energy Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd

metre wide onshore cable corridor search area and the offshore cable corridor search area. These are divided into six categories, and are shown in the accompanying plans.

Proposed Access Routes; a number of potential access routes which may be required to support the construction of the onshore cable corridor have been identified. Where these are not public highway, the full access route to the public road network must be included within our final project boundary. Where these extend outside of the previous Statutory Consultation boundary, they have been included in this further Statutory Consultation and are referred to on the accompanying plans as Proposed Access Routes.

Potential Onshore Cable Corridor Re-routes; a number of potential cable corridor re-routes have been identified following the analysis of responses from the previous round of Statutory Consultation. At this stage of the project, Hornsea Three is seeking to refine the onshore cable corridor to 80 metres. Therefore, where potential cable corridor re-routes have been identified which fall outside of the boundary of the previous Statutory Consultation, these are included in this further Statutory Consultation as 80 metre wide re-routes and are referred to on the accompanying plans as Potential Onshore Cable Corridor Re-routes.

Potential Storage Areas; as Hornsea Three has sought to refine the onshore cable corridor to 80 metres from the 200 metre wide search area presented previously, it has been identified that additional areas for the potential storage of soil and other construction materials during the construction phase may be required. These areas will help the project to carefully manage the storage of soil from agricultural land during the construction of the onshore cable corridor, particularly in areas where Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) may be considered as an installation technique, as this could reduce the area available for this storage within the 80 metre corridor itself. Where these areas have been identified outside of the boundary of the previous Statutory Consultation, these are included in this further Statutory Consultation and are referred to on the accompanying plans as Potential Soil Storage Areas.

Potential Visual Screening; an additional area has been identified for Potential Visual Screening around the Onshore High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station, should this be deemed necessary following the outcomes of the final Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. This is included in this further Statutory Consultation and is referred to on the accompanying plans as Potential Visual Screening.

Potential Footpath Diversion; a small area has been identified near the landfall which could be required to accommodate a potential temporary footpath diversion during periods of the construction works. If this temporary diversion were to be required, this would need to be included within our final project boundary. Therefore, this has been included in this further Statutory Consultation and is referred to on the accompanying plans as Potential Footpath Diversion.

Potential Offshore Alternative Routes; Two potential offshore alternative routes have been identified outside of the boundary consulted on under the previous Statutory Consultation. These have been identified following feedback from the previous Statutory Consultation and are being considered further by the project. These are referred to on the accompanying plans as Potential Offshore Alternative Routes. Further information can be found in the enclosed document titled 'Section 42 Consultation. Potential Offshore Alternative Routes – Supporting Information'.

This further Statutory Consultation is targeted at those who are either have an interest in the land and/or are affected by any works now proposed beyond that 200 metre wide cable corridor search area and offshore cable corridor search area which was previously consulted upon or whose interest

in land has only been established after the previous round of consultation. If you provided a response to the previous Statutory Consultation, please be assured that these responses will still be considered by the project.

In accordance with section 48 of the Act, Hornsea Three must publicise the proposed application. A notice publicising the proposed application is enclosed with this letter.

THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Three exceeds 100 megawatts (MW) it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, for which Hornsea Three must apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO). If the DCO application is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will then process and examine the application and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The final decision on the DCO application will be made by the Secretary of State.

The DCO application will contain full details of Hornsea Three and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared under section 37(3) of the Act and in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the Regulations).

The proposed DCO will include powers for Hornsea Three to construct, operate, maintain and decommission Hornsea Three, including Deemed Marine Licence(s). The proposed DCO will also seek the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, including the power to take temporary possession of land to construct and maintain Hornsea Three.

Hornsea Three is currently in the pre-application phase, with a DCO application expected to be submitted in Quarter 2 of 2018. Under the Act, Hornsea Three is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before submission and have regard to the responses received in the final design of Hornsea Three, as well as in the assessment and mitigation of its potential environmental impacts. A Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Three has had regard to responses to this consultation will be submitted as part of the DCO application in accordance with section 37(3) of the Act.

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED

- Hard copy of the further Statutory Consultation Plans.
- Hard copy of notice publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act.
- Hard copy of 'Section 42 Consultation. Potential Offshore Alternative Routes – Supporting Information'

FURTHER INFORMATION

Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of Hornsea Three, including the materials from the previous consultation including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR, with a non-technical summary) for Hornsea Three, can be accessed free of charge on the Hornsea Three website: www.hornseaproject3.co.uk

RESPONDING TO THIS CONSULTATION

Hornsea Three welcomes your comments on the proposed additional areas shown within the attached consultation plans.

Any responses to, or other representations in respect of, Hornsea Three should be sent to Hornsea Three:

- By email to: HornseaProjectThree@orsted.co.uk or;
- By post to:
Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm
Ørsted, 5 Howick Place, London SW1P 1WG

Hornsea Three requests that any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must;

- be received by Hornsea Three no later than **22 December 2017** to be considered;
- be made in writing (email/letter);
- state the grounds of the response or representation;
- indicate who is making the response or representation; and
- provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Please note that responses and other representations will be recorded in the Consultation Report and may be made public. Guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/>

NEXT STEPS

As mentioned above, consultation under section 42 of the Act is a formal part of the pre-application process for a DCO. Hornsea Three will have regard to comments received during this Statutory Consultation period (as well as those received as part of the previous Statutory Consultation period) and a Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Three has had regard to responses received will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

If you have any questions regarding the process or content of this consultation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully
Hornsea Three

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