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Dear Mr Jones,

**THE NET ZERO TEESIDE PROJECT - LAND AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER SSI STEEL WORKS SITE, REDCAR AND IN STOCKTON-ON-TEES, TEESIDE**

**CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 46 'DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION' OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

I write on behalf of Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (the 'Applicants') in connection with the Net Zero Teesside Project ('NZT' or the 'Project').

The Applicant is proposing to submit an application (the 'Proposed Application') seeking development consent pursuant to Section 37 'Applications for orders granting development consent' of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') from the Secretary of State ('SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') for the construction, operation and maintenance of NZT on land at and in the vicinity of the former SSI Steel Works Site, Redcar and in Stockton-on-Tees on Teesside (the 'Project Site').

NZT will be the UK's first commercial scale, full chain Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage ('CCUS') project, with the potential to capture up to 10 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions per annum, the equivalent to the annual energy use of up to 3 million homes in the UK. It will comprise a number of elements, including a new gas-fired power station, with state-of-the art carbon capture technology. CO<sub>2</sub> from the power station, as well as from a cluster of local industries on Teesside, will be captured through a common CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline network (a 'gathering network') and transported for secure storage at a suitable offshore geological site under the North Sea.

The Project Site extends to 1,482 hectares and lies within the administrative boundaries of both Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. It also lies within the boundary of the South Tees Development Corporation ('STDC').

Most of the Project Site lies within the administrative area of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, although parts of the power station's gas supply connection to the National Transmission System for gas and the CO<sub>2</sub> gathering network and will cross the River Tees into the administrative area of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council. At this location, the River Tees is tidal. In addition, there are elements of the Project Site that extend into the North Sea/Coatham Sands (the CO<sub>2</sub> transport/export

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pipeline). These sections of the Project Site are outside the jurisdiction of either local authority and are part of the UK marine area.

All of the elements of NZT will be included in the Proposed Application for development consent, other than the CO<sub>2</sub> transport/export pipeline, which will be included only up to Mean Low Water Mark ('MLWM'). The CO<sub>2</sub> transport/export pipeline beyond MLWM and the CO<sub>2</sub> storage site in the North Sea will be separately consented.

This letter represents the Applicants' notification of the SoS of the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 46 'Duty to notify secretary of state of proposed application' of the PA 2008.

Section 42 'Duty to consult' of the PA 2008 requires prospective applicants for development consent to consult on their proposed application with those persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008. The Applicants will commence consultation pursuant to Section 42 by issuing a letter (the 'Consultation Letter') accompanied by consultation documents (the 'Consultation Documents') to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 on or around 7 July 2020.

A notice pursuant to Section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008 will be published in the Telegraph, the London Gazette, the Lloyds List, the Fishing News and three newspapers circulating within the vicinity of the Project Site on 9 July 2020 and for a second successive week in the local newspapers on 16 July 2020.

In accordance with Regulation 13 'Pre-application publicity under Section 48 (duty to publicise)' of 'The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017' (the 'EIA Regulations'), the Applicants will also send a copy of the Section 48 Notice to the relevant consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicants in accordance with EIA Regulation 11(1)(c) on or around 7 July 2020.

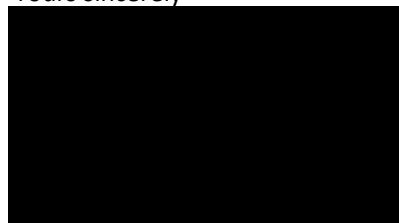
The deadline stated in the Consultation Letter (and on the Section 48 Notice) for the receipt of comments and representations on the Proposed Application is 11.59pm on 18 September 2020.

The Consultation Documents that are to be provided to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 are contained on the USB device that accompanies this letter and include:

- a sample copy of the Consultation Letter sent to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 (Section 42 and EIA Regulation 13) in addition to non-prescribed persons;
- a plan showing the extent of the Project Site edged in red and the development areas of the Site (Figures 3-2A – 3-2E of the Preliminary Environmental Information ('PEI') Report;
- the PEI Report and its Non-Technical Summary; and
- the Section 48 Notice that is being published.

I look forward to receiving the SoS's acknowledgement of the Applicants' notification of the SoS of the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 46 'Duty to notify secretary of state of proposed application' of the PA 2008. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague Rob Booth [rob.booth@dwdllp.com](mailto:rob.booth@dwdllp.com).

Yours sincerely



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