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Dear Sirs

**The Net Zero Teesside Project ("the Scheme")
Protective Provisions Agreement
Our Client: Exolum Seal Sands Ltd ("Exolum")**

We act for Exolum in this matter.

We have been engaging with the solicitors acting for Net Zero Teesside Power Limited and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited ("the Promoter") to agree protective provisions in relation to the Scheme.

Exolum operates a network of fuel distribution pipelines that form a critical part of the UK's fuel supply system. Exolum has been engaging with the Promoter as the Scheme potentially impacts and interferes with Exolum's existing apparatus. The draft DCO contains protective provisions relating to Exolum's apparatus at Schedule 12 Part 7. Exolum requires additional protective provisions to be agreed with the Promoter to ensure its apparatus is adequately protected and to ensure the safe ongoing operation of its pipelines.

Whilst Exolum does not have concerns with the Scheme as a whole, Exolum does have concerns over any impact on access to or the operation of its pre-existing apparatus. Exolum therefore objects to any interference with, extinguishment or suspension of the land rights relating to its apparatus or any Scheme activity that risks the operation of its apparatus or rights.

We are currently negotiating bespoke protective provisions and a side agreement to ensure the ongoing operation and safety of Exolum's apparatus.

Exolum will continue to collaborate with the Promoter to progress the protective provisions and side agreement. Should it not be possible to reach agreement of these with the Promoter, Exolum reserves its right to attend compulsory acquisition or issue specific hearings to address the required format of the protective provisions.

Exolum looks forward to updating the Planning Inspectorate regarding the state of negotiations.

We should be grateful if Exolum's status as an affected party could be noted by the Inspectorate and any relevant correspondence issued to us on behalf of Exolum as appropriate.



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Yours faithfully

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