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RELATING TO TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

BETWEEN

ROYAL HASKONINGDHV ON BEHALF OF YORK POTASH LIMITED

AND

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SOCG") relates to an application made by York Potash Limited ("York Potash") to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to authorise the construction and operation of Harbour facilities at Bran Sands, Teesside which will be linked by conveyor to a materials handling facility located within the Wilton International complex ("the Application").
- 1.2 This SOCG has been prepared and agreed between Royal HaskoningDHV (RHDHV) on behalf of York Potash and Highways England to set out the areas of agreement and to detail any issues which remain unresolved or which are not agreed between the parties in relation to transport and highway matters.
- 1.3 The SOCG covers the following:
 - 1.3.1 Traffic Derivation;
 - 1.3.2 Assessed Traffic Impact;
 - 1.3.3 Mitigation Measures;
 - 1.3.4 Co-ordination of Construction Traffic Management;
 - 1.3.5 Peak Hour Traffic Restrictions; and
 - 1.3.6 Requirements.

2. Background

- 2.1 The proposed harbour forms part of the York Potash Project which involves the creation of a mine for the winning and working of polyhalite together with the necessary infrastructure required for the subsequent distribution of the mineral. The project principally comprises the following:
 - a) The mine with surface infrastructure to be located at Doves Nest Farm near Whitby.
 - b) A mineral transport system, being a 36.5km long tunnel with conveyor to transport the polyhalite from the mine to the Wilton facility at Teesside.

- c) A materials handling facility at Wilton.
 - d) Harbour facilities at Teesside linked to the materials handling facility by a conveyor system
- 2.2 The proposals for the mine, mineral transport system and materials handling facility and other associated works are the subject of applications to the relevant local planning authorities and minerals and waste planning authorities.
- 2.3 York Potash has via RHDHV engaged with Highways England in relation to the Application throughout the pre-application process.
- 2.4 RHDHV initially submitted a Technical Note (ref: N008) to Highways England on 27 February 2014 detailing the proposed methodology for derivation of assessment traffic flows to inform the Transport Assessment and ES.
- 2.5 A pre-application meeting was then held between RHDHV and Highways England on 24 April 2014 to provide preliminary information on the project and discuss the potential highways issues that would be required to address. A second meeting with Highways England was held on 7 August 2014 to provide an update on traffic demand and confirm the level of assessment required.
- 2.6 Subsequently, RHDHV produced the following documents, forming part of the Environmental Statement (ES), which was submitted as part of the Application:
 - 2.6.1 ES Chapter 12 "Transport";
 - 2.6.2 ES Chapter 12, Appendix 12.2 "York Potash Project Harbour Facilities Transport Assessment" (Rev 1), dated 9 December 2014; and
 - 2.6.3 ES Chapter 12, Appendix 12.3 "Harbour Facilities Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan" (Rev 1), dated 18 March 2015.

3. Matters of Agreement

- 3.1 Traffic Derivation
 - 3.1.1 The traffic flows contained within the ES Transport Chapter and in the Transport Assessment are agreed.

3.2 Assessed Traffic Impact

- 3.2.1 It is agreed that the traffic impact associated with the development proposals, during the construction and operational phases, would not have a material adverse impact on the operation of the Strategic Road Network, namely the A19, the A174, between the junction with the A19 and the junction with the A1053, and the A1053.

3.3 Mitigation Measures

- 3.3.1 The following mitigation measures have been accepted:

- A minimum ratio of 2.5 employees to a vehicle to reduce light commercial vehicle (LCV) traffic;
- Parking controls at all sites to support employee to vehicle ratios; and
- ES Chapter 12, Appendix 12.3 Harbour Facilities Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (Rev1) including Annex 1 - 9 and Figures.

3.4 Co-ordination of Construction Traffic Management

- 3.4.1 The Construction Traffic Management Plan submitted with the Application has been agreed.
- 3.4.2 It has been agreed to co-ordinate the Construction Traffic Management with other major construction projects, including the associated York Potash Mine, Materials Handling Facility and Mineral Transport System proposals and the Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm.

3.5 Peak Hour Traffic Restrictions

- 3.5.1 It has been agreed that the Strategic Road Network peak hour construction traffic flows for the full York Potash development, including the Harbour Facility, should not exceed those shown in Figure 4 "In Combination Peak 2015 Combined Peak Hour 5pm – 6pm Traffic Distribution", which is contained within the Harbour Facilities Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan.

3.6 DCO Requirements

- 3.6.1 In relation to transport and highway matters on the Strategic Road Network the following DCO Requirement has been agreed:

Requirement 7: "(1) None of the authorised development is to commence (excluding archaeological soil movement and ecological mitigation or enhancement works) until a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) drafted in connection with the principles set out in Appendix 12.3 of the environmental statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The provisions of the approved CTMP must be observed at all times during the construction of the authorised development."

4. Matters Unresolved

- 4.1 There are no matters remaining that are unresolved.

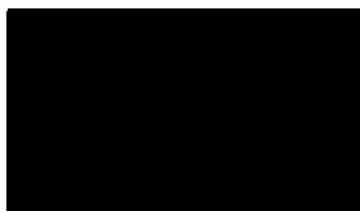
5. Signature

- 5.1 This Statement is signed as an accurate record of the common ground between York Potash and Highways England.



Signed on behalf of York Potash Limited

Date:18 May 2015.....



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Signed on behalf of Highways England

Date:23 June 2015.....