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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. A statement of Community Involvement is required for the following types of development:
- Residential 50+ units or sites of 1 hectare or more; Commercial developments of 1000m² or site area exceeding 1 hectare;
 - Contentious developments or ones likely to generate significant local concern;
 - EIA developments
- 1.2. The Proposed Development is a low carbon lithium hydroxide refinery which has been designed to extract lithium hydroxide from imported lithium ore (spodumene), and associated dockside reception, handling, storage, and manufacturing activities.
- 1.3. The Proposed Development will be phased, with 6 overall phases with each phase or group of phases being subject to a separate 'Reserved Matters' Application or RMA at the appropriate time.
- 1.4. The detailed design and layout of each phase has yet to be determined and will be confirmed as part of the various RMA applications that will be progress by the applicant.
- 1.5. The basic parameters of the development that are being established as part of this outline application assume the following:
- All production and office buildings will have a maximum height that will not exceed 45m;
 - Building Footprint not to exceed 180,000m² of occupied manufacturing and office space per production line (a total of approximately 540,000m²); and
 - Total Production capacity not to exceed 75,000 tonnes of lithium product.
 - When completed the refinery is designed to process approximately between 350,000 and 500,000 tonnes per annum of mineral ore material and undertake an organo-alkali metal production process to manufacture between 50,000 and 75,000 tonnes per annum of Lithium Hydroxide Monohydrate dependant on number of production lines installed.
 - Green Lithium Refining Limited are looking to develop a Lithium Hydroxide Monohydrate Production Plant, utilising α – spodumene as the mined feedstock material.
- 1.6. The Proposed Development is within the descriptions for 'Schedule 1 EIA developments' and so must be considered against this criteria.

- 1.7. A request was made to RCBC on 10th August 2022 and a formal Screening and Scoping Opinion provided by the LPA on the 21st September 2022. The outcome of the Screening and Scoping Opinion was that the proposed facility meets the definition of a Schedule 1 EIA development and therefore requires the provision of an Environmental Statement (ES).
- 1.8. located at Kinkerdale Road, Teesport, TS6 6UE, located around 4 kilometres west of the centre of Redcar.
- 1.9. The centre of the Site is at approximate National Grid reference 455549 , 523469. The Proposed Development is considered an EIA Development, due to size and sensitive nature of surroundings.

2. PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

2.1. Green Lithium Refining Limited have carried out effective and meaningful pre-application consultation as part of its strategy of preparing a robust development consent application, in which issues raised during consultation have been considered and addressed where appropriate.

2.2. The Applicants recognise that early involvement of the local community, local authorities, statutory consultees and other stakeholders provides benefits for all parties. This is noted in government guidance¹ on pre-application consultation and has been followed as required. This document states:

“Early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring about significant benefits for all parties, by:

- *Helping the applicant identify and resolve issues at the earliest stage, which can reduce the overall risk to the project further down the line as it becomes more difficult to make changes once an application has been submitted;*
- *Enabling members of the public to influence proposed projects, feedback on potential options, and encouraging the community to help shape the proposal to maximise local benefits and minimise any downsides;*
- *Helping local people understand the potential nature and local impact of the proposed project, with the potential to dispel misapprehensions at an early stage;*
- *Enabling applicants to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees, which can help rule out unsuitable options;*
- *Enabling potential mitigating measures to be considered and, if appropriate, built into the project before an application is submitted; and*
- *Identifying ways in which the project could, without significant costs to promoters, support wider strategic or local objectives.”*

CONSULTATION OBJECTIVES

2.3. Taking account of the above, Green Lithium Refining Limited’s objectives for the pre-application consultation were to:

- Raise awareness of what is being proposed and to give the local community, nearby neighbours, local authorities (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)) statutory consultees and other stakeholders the opportunity to make informed comments upon the proposals;

- Provide consultees with an opportunity to influence any aspects of Green Lithium Refining Limited that are under development and to understand which elements of the Project are fixed and why;
- Provide clear and concise information at appropriate times;
- Invite feedback and have regard to it; and
- Show how the proposals have taken account of consultation and feedback in finalising the application for development consent prior to its submission.

INITIAL CONSULTATION

2.4. Initial consultation has been held with Redcar and Cleveland Planning Authority at their statutory consultees in the form of a Pre-Application and EIA Screening and Scoping enquiry under Regulation 6(1) of the EIA Regulations.

2.5. The consultation application was accompanied by the following information:

- a. a plan sufficient to identify the land;
- b. a description of the development, including in particular –
 - i. a description of the physical characteristics of the development and, where relevant, of demolition works;
 - ii. a description of the location of the development, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected;
- c. a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the development;
- d. to the extent the information is available, a description of any likely significant effects of the proposed development on the environment resulting from –
 - i. the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant; and
 - ii. the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity; and
 - iii. such other information or representations as the person making the request may wish to provide or make, including any features of the proposed development or any measures envisaged to avoid or prevent what might otherwise have been significant adverse effects on the environment.

2.6. The conclusion of the consultation with the planning authority was that the facility did fall under the definition of an EIA Development. The Screening and associated Public Consultation Responses are provided in Annex 1 of this document.

Methods of Consultation

2.7. The Applicants have employed a range of consultation methods, these methods are set out below.

Information Leaflet

2.8. An Information Letter and Pack was sent to all businesses and ward councillors within 1 mile, in a suitable period to the commencement of the consultation event. This provides an outline of the development, information on the latest proposals, how further information and consultation materials can be requested, and how comments and feedback can be made. The letter also provided the necessary links to the online public consultation event.

Newspaper Notices

2.9. Green Lithium Refining Limited have advertised the necessary details regarding the development and associated Public Consultation Event in The Gazette Daily, a local newspaper.

2.10. The Advert was posted on the 14th of March. The notice gave a brief overview of the development, as well as information on the online public consultation event, and was the primary way that the general public were made aware of the Proposed Development. Copies of the advert are provided in Annex 2.

Online Consultation Event

2.11. A 21-day online consultation event was held through the Green Lithium Refining Limited Website, allowing members of the general public, local businesses and councillors to comment and query on any parts of the development.

2.12. The primary information provided included;

- Aesthetic character of the development;
- Impact on the local community, including jobs created and transportation impacts;
- The compliance with local and regional legislation;
- Sustainability and green measures taken;
- Build time and operational period of the project; and
- Socio and economic impacts of the development.

2.13. The online consultation system enables Green Lithium Refining Limited to assess the number of times the online webpage is reviewed and will enable all comments posted to be recorded and sorted into common themes. All points made were logged, with contentious points being flagged, with appropriate thought being given to how these could be changed or mitigated in the development process.

Dates of consultation

2.14. Consultation has taken place from 14th of March 2023 to the end of March 2023 (as agreed with RCBC). The public consultation event ran for 30 days and was held in parallel to sending information to both the surrounding businesses and local communities.

Location of consultation

2.15. A Project Website has been established and will be used to host all of the consultation materials and to provide information on how people can provide comments and feedback, it will also host the Online Consultation Event. People will also be able to complete the Feedback Form on the Website. The Website address is: www.greenlithium.co.uk/publicconsultation.

LOCAL BUSINESS CONSULTATION

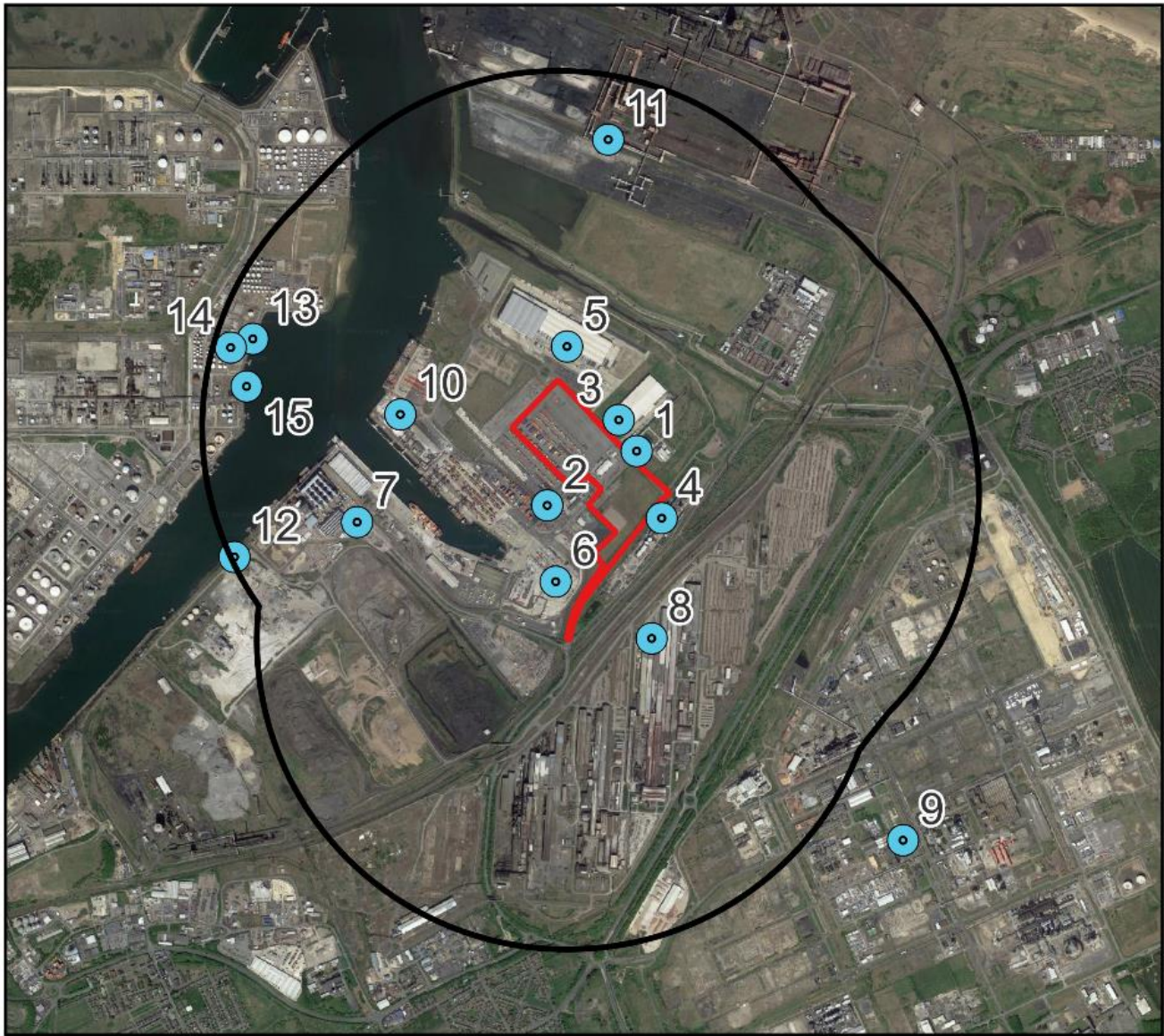
2.16. A review of the site and the surroundings has not identified any sensitive neighbours within 250m or any commercial receptors or community members that have any potential to be impacted by the facility.

2.17. One of the closest commercial neighbours (PD Teesport) have been closely consulted in relation to all proposed development activities at the site.

2.18. Figure 2.1 overleaf shows the site within the context of the local community and neighbours.

2.19. All commercial neighbours identified within a 1 mile radius have been contacted and been provided with information regarding the proposed development and the online consultation event.

2.20. Some have been grouped to avoid cluttering, a full list is provided in Annex 3.



-  1 Mile Radius
-  Neighbours
-  Site Boundary

Legend

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| 1 – Kemira | 9 – Sembcorp |
| 2 – Mission of Seafarers | 10 – Cory Bros Shipping |
| 3 – ASDA Warehouse | 11 – Ward Scrap Metal |
| 4 – BOC Teesside | 12 – Chepstow Plant International Ltd |
| 5 – Tesco Warehouse | 13 – Vopak Terminal Teesside Ltd |
| 6 – PD Teesport | 14 – Npower Hometeam |
| 7 – Tees Rep Power Station (MGT) | 15 – Ineos Nitriles / Inter Terminals |
| 8 – Lackenby | |

Figure 2.1: Site showing proximity of neighbours within 1 mile.

COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION

- 2.21. This event was carried out by Sol Environment alongside Green Lithium Refining Limited regarding the Proposed Development. The presentation provided information on the development and detailed the aims, the environmental impacts, economic benefits and timescales of the proposals.
- 2.22. The presentation will be made to the following members and leaders of the council on the 14th of April 2023.
- 2.23. In addition, further consultation will naturally occur as part of the planning consultation work and any necessary engagement will be undertaken by the applicant as necessary.
- 2.24. Presentation Materials have been provided in Annex 3.
- 2.25. The Applicant will be carrying out further public consultation and awareness event prior to the determination of the planning application if considered necessary.

3. RECORDING AND TAKING ACCOUNT OF CONSULTATION

- 3.1. Green Lithium have carefully recorded, analysed, and taken account of all comments and feedback received in response to the Consultation process.
- 3.2. All comments and feedback received on the Consultation stages has been recorded and entered into a consultation tracker. The comments and feedback received will then be carefully reviewed, analysed, and grouped under specific topic or theme headings. Under each topic/theme heading the issues/matters requiring consideration will then be identified.
- 3.3. The Applicants will consider the issues/matters raised during the pre-application consultation on the Project and prepare responses to these. In having regard to the issues/matters the Applicants will also identify where these have resulted in any changes to our proposals.
- 3.4. The completed tracker is available in Annex 4.