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THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, UNLOADING AND STORAGE (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 12(1)

Hynet Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Storage Project - Offshore

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning ("OPRED") acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ("the Secretary of State") is currently considering the Environmental Statement ("ES") and the representations received from the public consultation process in relation to the above project. Liverpool Bay CCS Limited is hereby required to provide further information in relation to the following:

The response by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited to the previous notice under Regulation 12(1) dated 1 July 2024 has included the provision of and references to additional material, including Technical Notes, Technical Reports and Appendices, Monitoring Plans and Diagrams. Where references have been made to additional material, please provide details of where within these documents the relevant information can be found. Some examples are:

- Response 7 referring to Volume 3 Marine Biodiversity Technical Report and the Physical Processes Technical Report;
- Response 14 "An assessment of the different cable lengths have been provided in the Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology Technical Note (NNBTN01)";
- Response 21 "Please see the Technical Note-Marine Mammals MBTN03 and the Technical Note- RIAA MBTN04 for a comparison between the densities used in the assessment and those from Evans and Waggit (2023)"; "For screening distances, please refer to the Technical Note-Marine Mammals MBTN03 and the Technical Note-RIAA MBTN04"; and

• Response 134: "This is fully addressed within the Technical Note-Benthic MBTN01"

Once this further information has been received and reviewed, it is currently expected that a subsequent Regulation 12(1) letter will follow. This letter is expected to include any further clarity on the additional material provided as a response to this letter and on the response provided by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited dated 2 August 2024.

Your response will be reviewed, and consideration given as to whether the information provided ought to be made public because the information is directly relevant to reaching a conclusion on whether the project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment. If so, OPRED will notify Liverpool Bay CCS Limited under Regulation 12(3), and Liverpool Bay CCS Limited will have to take further steps to publish information and make provision for further public consultation under Regulations 12(5) to 12(9).

OPRED looks forward to receiving your response so that we can progress our consideration of the ES.

Yours sincerely



Environmental Manager

The Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero