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Dear Sir / Madam

**APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION TO THE ABLE MARINE ENERGY PARK (AMEP)
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER DEEMED MARINE LICENCE UNDER SECTION
72(3)(d) OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT**

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Able Marine Energy Park (AMEP) was made on 13th January 2014, laid before Parliament on 10th February 2014 and subsequently came into force on 29th October 2014 (Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 2935), ("the 2014 Order").

The DCO permits, inter alia, the development of a new quay and associated development at Killingholme in North Lincolnshire, on the south bank of the Humber Estuary. Briefly, the development on the south bank comprises a quay, reclaimed estuarine habitat and the provision of onshore facilities for the manufacture, assembly and storage of components relating to the offshore renewable energy sector. The DCO further permits other associated development including environmental habitat on the north bank of the Humber in the East Riding of Yorkshire authoritative area.

The Deemed Marine Licence (DML) at Schedule 8 of the DCO has been varied on four occasions by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). Variation No. 1 was issued on 23 June 2017, Variation No. 2 was issued on 16 September 2020, Variation No. 3 was issued on 1 August 2023 and Variation No. 4 was issued on 15th August 2025 the first two amendments to the DML, *inter alia*, extended the time limits in the licence to allow the construction and capital dredge activities. The third amendment also extended the time limits but incorporated various other changes to reflect the material changes to the development approved pursuant to the AMEP Development Consent (Amendment) Order 2022. The fourth variation was to extend the time limit of the DML up until 28 October 2025. A link to the latest DML, which is the extant DML for the DCO, is provided in Section 6 this letter.

2.0 AMENDMENT TO TIME LIMITS IN THE DCO

On 11 October 2023, Able Humber Ports Limited (AHPL) issued a request to the Secretary of State for Transport ("the SoS") in accordance with Article 7 of the 2014 Order to extend the time limit for completion of the development. On 28 October 2024, the SoS confirmed her decision to extend the completion period by one year to 28 October 2025 with a provision to extend the time period further subject to the provision by AHPL of some additional environmental information. Following the submission of further information, the SoS granted, an extension to the completion period for the consented development by a further seven years from 27 October 2025 to 27 October 2032.



3.0 DML VARIATION 4

Paragraph 14 of the DML Variation 4 states:

(3) This licence is for 11 years from the date of coming into force of this Order whereby—

(a) the construction and capital dredge activities are carried out within the first 11 years and;

(b) maintenance dredging is permitted following capital dredging until the expiry of this licence.

Accordingly, the time limits of the DML are now inconsistent with the extended time limit granted by the SoS.

4.0 APPLICATION TO FURTHER VARY THE DML

Under paragraph 5(6) of Schedule 6 to the 2008 Planning Act, the SoS cannot make changes to a DML or the conditions attached to a DML. This submission therefore constitutes an application to the MMO for a variation of the DML under section 72 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

AHPL request a variation to the DML to reflect the extension of time for completion of the works permitted by the SoS on 27th October 2025. Specifically, AHPL request that Paragraph 14 (3) and Paragraph 55 (1) are amended to read:

*14. (3) This licence is for **18** years from the date of coming into force of this Order whereby—*

*(a) the construction and capital dredge activities are carried out within the first **18** years and;*

(b) maintenance dredging is permitted following capital dredging until the expiry of this licence.

and

55. (1) The undertaker must undertake sampling and chemical analysis for contaminated sediments ~~within the 6 months prior to the commencement of every 3 years~~ for any maintenance dredge and disposal operation to ensure the material is still suitable for sea disposal.

The proposed amendments are identified in red font.

5.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

a) DML Variation 4 : [Able Marine Energy Park Variation 4 - GOV.UK](#)

b) SoS Decision Letter extending the Time for completion of the works: [TR030001-003610-AMEP - Decision Letter October 2025.pdf](#)

6.0 CLOSURE

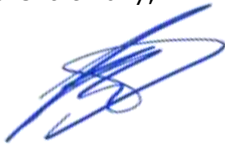
We trust that the above provides sufficient information to allow the DML Variation to be duly considered and determined by the MMO. However, should you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jenn Dawes (Environmental Manager, Able UK Ltd) via the following contact details:

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Yours faithfully,



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