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**STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN HYDER
CONSULTING (UK) LIMITED (ON BEHALF OF HALITE ENERGY
GROUP LIMITED) AND THE MARINE MANAGEMENT
ORGANISATION ON THE TOPIC OF MARINE WATER QUALITY**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 This is a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited (Hyder) (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) on the topic of Marine Water Quality.
- 1.1.2 The purpose of the SoCG is to set out those matters, within the competence of the MMO in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application and documents, that are agreed between the MMO and Hyder (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited). Where relevant, it identifies any matters where there is a difference of opinion. The SoCG therefore enables issues to be narrowed down to assist the Examining Authority.
- 1.1.3 Marine water quality has been the subject of discussions between Hyder (on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited) and the MMO at the pre-DCO Application stage. A telephone conversation was held with Anna Gerring and Laura Calvert of the MMO, and Lara Howe of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas), acting as technical advisor to the MMO, on 6 March 2012 at 2pm to discuss the Water Quality SoCG. The aim of this discussion was, where possible, to reach common ground in relation to the following DCO Application Document:
- Chapter 17: Water Environment of Volume 1A of the Environmental Statement (ES) (DCO Application Document Reference 5.1)
- 1.1.4 The MMO undertook a technical review of Chapter 17: Water Environment of Volume 1A of the ES to provide comments on marine water quality only. This SoCG covers only those matters which relate to the MMO's marine management function. The MMO reserves the right to add to, amend or withdraw comments and seek further agreement should additional information come to light.

2 ACCEPTED DATA

2.1 Assessment Methodology

2.1.1 The methodology sets out the approach to the Water Environment assessment, and is presented within Section 17.3 of Volume 1A of the ES.

2.1.2 The assessment methodology is considered appropriate and agreed.

2.2 Baseline Information

2.2.1 Sections 17.4 and 17.5 of Volume 1A of the ES present the existing and future baseline information, respectively, that has been considered in relation to the Water Environment assessment.

2.2.2 The baseline information is considered appropriate and agreed.

2.3 Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

2.3.1 Mitigation and enhancement measures are identified within Section 17.8 of Volume 1A of the ES.

2.3.2 The mitigation and enhancement measures are agreed.

2.4 Assessment Findings

2.4.1 Section 17.7 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Potential Effects on the water environment as a result of the Project without consideration of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures. Section 17.9 of Volume 1A of the ES presents the Residual Effects, i.e. with incorporation of the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures.

2.4.2 The findings of the assessment are agreed.

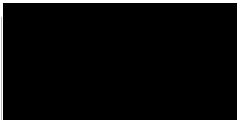
3 DATA NOT ACCEPTED

- 3.1.1 With regard to marine water quality only, there are no elements of Chapter 17: Water Environment of Volume 1A of the ES that are not agreed. This is subject to the caveat as outlined in Section 1.1.4 of this SoCG.

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground on the topic of Marine Water Quality has been prepared by Hyder Consulting (UK) Limited, on behalf of Halite Energy Group Limited, and agreed by the Marine Management Organisation.

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