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Dear Sir

**Application for a variation to The Galoper Wind Farm Order 2013 (SI 2013 no 1203) deemed Marine Licence under Section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009**

Galoper Wind Farm Limited (GWFL) was granted a Development Consent Order (DCO) and Deemed Marine Licence (DML), that came into force on 15 June 2013, to progress with the construction and operation of an offshore wind farm off the Suffolk coast in the southern North Sea.

The Deemed Marine Licence has been the subject of one variation, to correct two typographic errors (Variation 1 dated 3 April 2014) and these are not altered by the variation to which this application refers.

In the Galoper Wind Farm Order, Schedule 2 Part 2 Condition 6(1) reads:

**6.—(1) Each monopile foundation forming part of the authorised scheme shall not have a diameter greater than 7 metres.**

In order that GWFL is able to proceed with the construction of the offshore wind farm, it has now been concluded that it is necessary to increase the monopile foundation diameter to 7.5 m. With a diameter less than 7.5m it has not been possible to design a foundation which meets the required harmonic frequency, stiffness and strength limits to satisfy the geotechnical and turbine design limits without exceeding the absolute limitations of mass and steel thickness imposed by the manufacturing and installation processes.

Under paragraph 2, Schedule 6 of the Planning Act 2008, GWFL seeks, from DECC, the same necessary change to the DCO. As such, an application for a non-material change has been made.

With this application, GWFL is also seeking from the MMO the same change in regard to the corresponding components of the DML, under Section 72(3)(d) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

GWFL has provided a statement to DECC regarding the implications for the Environmental Statement and the Habitats Regulations Assessment. This same statement is provided in this application (Annex I) to demonstrate that the proposed change does not have an effect on the environmental and Habitats Regulations assessment upon which the DCO and Deemed Marine Licence consent application was considered and granted.

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As such, this information is provided to the MMO for their consideration of the application to change Condition 6(1).

**Application Fee**

It is understood that a fee will be payable to the MMO that will either be £200 upfront or, should MMO consider it appropriate to consult with its advisors, on an hourly cost incurred basis. GWFL accepts the obligation to pay the charges and undertakes to do so for this application as advised by the MMO.

Yours faithfully



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Annex I: Statement regarding the implication for the Environmental Statement and the Habitats Regulations Assessment