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Dear Nicola,

DISCHARGE OF REQUIREMENT 14 (OPERATIONAL NOISE) - THE PORT TALBOT STEELWORKS GENERATING STATION ORDER 2015

On behalf of our client, Tata Steel UK Limited ("Tata Steel"), please find enclosed an application to formally discharge in full Requirement 14 (Operational Noise) of the Port Talbot Steelworks Generating Station Order 2015. The discharge of Requirement 14 relates to Stage 1 Build Programme Phase 1A.

This application has been formally submitted via email to Nicola Lake and comprises the following documents and supporting information for the discharge of requirement 14:

Document	Author
Covering Letter	Turley
Noise Assessment	Tata Steel

APPLICATION FEE

In accordance with the relevant fee regulation, payment of £115.00 has been made online to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) upon submission of this application.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

Requirement 14 – Control of noise during operational phase

Requirement 14 regarding the control of noise during operational phase, as set out in Schedule 2 of the Port Talbot Steelworks Generating Station Order 2015, states that:

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(1) The undertaker must not commence commissioning of any stage of the authorised development until a written scheme for the management of noise generated by the operation of that stage of the authorised development has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.

(2) The scheme to be submitted and approved under sub-paragraph (1) must be substantially in accordance with section 8.7 of the environmental statement and must include details of –

(a) the noise attenuation measures to be taken to minimise operational noise, including any noise limits;

(b) noise monitoring requirements including the location of monitoring equipment, and

(c) the measures to be taken, including timescales, to address any noise issues identified.

(3) The noise management scheme must be implemented as approved and maintained for the duration of the operation of the relevant stage of the authorised development.

Operational Noise Attenuation Plan

An operational noise assessment prepared by Tata Steel is submitted as part of this discharge of requirement application. In accordance with point (a) of sub-paragraph 2 of Regulation 14, this sets out the details of the noise attenuation measures including silencers on the outlet to reduce noise at source and using a composite cladding system to reduce noise transmission. The assessment also provides details of the noise monitoring proposals (in accordance with point b of sub-paragraph 2) and a complaints procedure should any noise issues be identified (in accordance with point c of sub-paragraph 2).

As required by sub-paragraph 2 of Requirement 14, the written scheme of noise control during the operational phase will be in accordance with Section 8.7 of the Environmental Statement and the Design and Access Statement of the DCO. The proposed noise attenuation plan will ensure suitable management of noise from the operation and function of Stage 1 Build Programme Phase 1A of the DCO development and limit impacts on local residents and other stakeholders in close proximity in this location. The new sound level will be obtained and validated against the limit identified in the weeks before commissioning when the site activity and traffic levels return to pre-lockdown levels.

We trust the above and accompanying documentation provides the full details required to formally discharge Requirement 14 of the Port Talbot Steelworks Generating Station Order 2015 and look forward to receiving confirmation of this in due course.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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