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Dear Ms Alvarez,

Subject: Marine Licence Application CML2533 Stena Line Ltd - Request for Further Information – The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (As amended)

I am writing in response to request from NRW on the 15th of August 2025 in accordance with Regulation 14 for further information to properly consider, or come to a conclusion on, the likely significant environmental effects of the project.

Please find attached the consultation responses log which provides comments to address requests for clarification and/or further information. Where necessary this consultation response log signposts to a document of Technical Clarifications which accompanies this submission.

For clarity, and to address Item 36, the applicant seeks to apply for the removal of a total of 116,000m³ of dredge to include 38,000m³ of maintenance dredging over 10 years and a maximum of 78,000m³ to facilitate the Proposed Development.

As you are aware discussions have been ongoing to address Item 34 NRW Advisory comments to Appendix 17.C Particle Size Analysis and Results and Item 49 ABPmer comments to the sediment sampling analysis which indicated elevated zinc concentrations at a depth of 3m at vibrocore VC003 located in the reclamation area and elevated PAH concentrations at a depth of 1m at vibrocore VC009 within Area H.

It has been clarified by ABPmer that dredging is acceptable to the next clean sample.

In line with this recommendation, dredged material from 0 m – 2m below the surface in the reclamation area will be disposed at sea, if deeper dredging is required, detailed sampling will be carried out to determine depth and location of contamination. Within Area H further detailed sampling will be carried out to determine depth and location of contamination. We have discussed with NRW Advisory the necessity for a new Band 1 marine licence to carry out additional sampling.

The applicant is committed to mitigation measures to minimise disturbance of contaminated materials, proposing the following to address Item 34 NRW Advisory concerns regarding water quality:-

Dredging of material in proximity to known areas of contamination will be undertaken using a floating pontoon or from land with an excavator mounted environmental bucket, or crane with a

clamshell grab bucket. This method of environmental dredging will minimise the disturbance and escape of material at the seabed and during removal through the water column. The dredged material will be loaded onto a barge for transportation to land and ultimate disposal to a licence facility. No overspill of the barges will be permitted.

I trust that the enclosed clarifications and further information addresses consultees comments. If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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