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Date: 19 July 2022
Re: Your letter of 22 June 2022

Dear Ms Jacobi,

Thank you for your letter of 22 June 2022, in which you share your thoughts regarding the preferred option to connect new offshore wind farms to the on-shore grid at Eemshaven.

We recognise the importance of both the rapid landfall of offshore wind energy in Eemshaven and the protection of the Wadden Sea area. As a result, the project dedicated to exploring landfall options (*Programma Aanlanding Wind op Zee-Eemshaven (PAWOZ Eemshaven)*) – launched this year – has been tasked with narrowing down the choice of earlier identified routes, while taking into account the impact on ecology, technical possibilities and other, potentially conflicting, interests. PAWOZ Eemshaven is currently preparing a scoping document to research route feasibility and impact, including the effects on the environment, which are to be mitigated and minimised as much as possible.

The impact assessment and integral effect analysis will research all routes and weigh up the different interests in a comprehensive manner. This will lead to a selection of routes for 2031 and the period thereafter. We would like to stress the importance of awaiting these results before coming to any conclusions about a preferred option since, at this stage, all routes present a challenge in some respect.

We share your view that the impact on the natural environment should be limited as much as possible. It should be noted that the routes through the Ems-Dollard Treaty area are complex for a range of reasons. From a technical perspective, issues such as the morphological characteristics of the area pose their own set of ecological challenges. Maritime safety is another significant complexity, as is environmental safety. The German authorities are responsible for maritime safety in both navigational channels in the Ems-Dollard Treaty area and will assess the various routes in detail.



At the time of writing, Dutch and German government authorities, both at national and regional level, are in talks to explore the relevant possibilities, with due regard for the protection of the UNESCO World Heritage area that is the Wadden Sea.

Yours sincerely,

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Cyril Jean Nunn
German Ambassador to the Netherlands

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Ronald van Roeden
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