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Dear Sir/Madam

AWE PLC v SSLUHC & Oths AC-2023-LON-002758

The Government Legal Department (“GLD”) represents the Secretary of State for Defence (“SSD”) who has been named as an Interested Party.

Please note, GLD is separately instructed by the Defendant and also by the Office For Nuclear Regulation (Interested Party 3). AWE PLC is a non-Departmental Public Body wholly owned by the SSD.

The SSD does not intend to file an Acknowledgment of Service. However, if permission is granted, the SSD reserves the right to submit written evidence, and potentially also detailed grounds, in support of the claim, within 35 days of service of the order granting permission, in accordance with the usual case management directions in such cases and CPR PD54D para 4.35. The SSD would also propose to attend the substantive hearing of this claim and in this regard reserves the right to make submissions in support.

Whilst accepting that the SSD cannot participate at the permission stage, for the avoidance of doubt, the SSD supports the position adopted by AWE in their Statement of Facts and Grounds. The SSD considers that permission should be granted and that the claim should succeed.

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Yours faithfully

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