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Dear Mr Murfin

**Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended, Part 17, Class K**

**Prior Notification by INEOS Upstream Ltd. (INEOS) of intention to carry out seismic surveys on UK Onshore Petroleum Exploration Licences PEDL 299, 300, 307 and 308.**

I am writing to notify you of INEOS Upstream Ltd.'s (hereafter INEOS) intention to conduct a seismic survey in Derbyshire County Council area. This survey covering 90.8 km<sup>2</sup> will be undertaken within INEOS's exploration and development licences listed above. In total the survey will cover a wider area (250.7 km<sup>2</sup>) including areas within Nottinghamshire County Council (142.57 km<sup>2</sup>) and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (17.32 km<sup>2</sup>). The survey is part of a work programme commitment made to Government as a condition of the licence award.

I am pleased to enclose the following information with this submission:

- Seismic Surveying Methodology: East Midlands Seismic Survey 2017 – Statement outlining the methodology to be used to undertake the seismic surveys throughout the survey area
- Notification of Seismic Surveys – INEOS Upstream Ltd. - Derbyshire County Council (Notification Report) – An assessment against Permitted Development rights with regard to environmental sensitivities. This report includes a location plan, a summary of the vibration monitoring to be undertaken and a preliminary Environmental Method Statement.

The objective of the survey is to image the deep geological structure of the survey area, to allow INEOS' geological model of the region to be refined. The proposed methodologies as defined in the accompanying

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Method Statement are well-established and have been carried out for several decades in the UK Onshore area.

The proposed seismic survey benefits from Permitted Development rights in accordance with Part 17 Class K of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order, 2015 as Amended (the "GPDO").

This submission to Derbyshire County Council (as the relevant Mineral Planning Authority (MPA)) is made in accordance with the GPDO and serves as prior notification that INEOS intends to carry out the development as described in the accompanying plans and documents.

INEOS is an international company with a strong commitment to Health, Safety and the Environment, this being reflected in the Company's Corporate Health Safety, and Environmental Policies. A full Project Specific Safety Plan and Emergency Response Plan will be developed ahead of any field operations. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring the survey does not compromise the landowners' and occupiers' management requirements and practices, residential amenity and ensuring environmental sensitivities are not affected during the survey.

An assessment of the proposal against the requirements of the GPDO is contained in Chapter 2 of the accompanying Notification Report.

The survey boundary does not include any National Park, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Natura 2000 sites (Special Areas of Conservation or Special Protection Areas). In addition, Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve is not within the survey area. There will be no survey work undertaken within Sites of Special Scientific Interest or within Scheduled Monuments or grounds of Listed Buildings. Discussions with Natural England are ongoing to agree methodologies in the vicinity of natural heritage interests. In addition, discussions with Historic England are continuing to ensure cultural heritage interests (including their setting) are protected.

The preliminary Environmental Method Statement (Appendix 3 in the Notification Report) outlines measures to be put in place to protect amenity at houses, hospitals and schools near the working area, and to ensure no danger to aircraft using aerodromes in the survey area, as well as methodologies to protect local environmental designations, trees, breeding birds and other protected species, and water resources.

On this basis, we consider that the proposed seismic survey is permitted development, and request agreement in writing from Derbyshire County Council.

It is intended that the seismic survey will commence on 5 June 2017.

Should further information or clarification be required then please do not hesitate to contact me. INEOS looks forward to receiving approval to proceed with the proposed survey at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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