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Sent: 19 February 2018 10:32
To: EXEMPTION-AQUIND
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Subject: exemption request of AQUIND Limited for a new 2000 MW electricity interconnector between France and UK

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Nexans is writing in support of the Aquind Interconnector project.

We welcome private investment such as Aquind Interconnector in the energy sector. The exemption is essential in providing sufficient certainty for investors.

Nexans has been involved in the Aquind project for more than 2 years. During this time Nexans has provided technical and economic support and input to the project development team.

European Commission has recently included Aquind in the 3rd PCI list, which recognises Aquind's central role in meeting the demand for cross-border capacity on the congested border between GB and France. Nexans is confident that this HVDC-link will serve and help both TSO's to reduce their efforts and costs by optimizing the energy flow between the two grids.

In addition to Aquind, Nexans has been and is participating as a supplier and installer in several interconnectors currently being built. These interconnectors provide security of supply and harmonize electricity prices across Europe, elements which are very beneficial to all consumers.

As such, Nexans believes that Aquind, once operational, will offer positive net contribution to GB, France and EU electricity markets.

Sincerely

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