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000118

Our Ref:
PRM-IOP-0454

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Dear Loren,

**THE RAILWAYS (INTEROPERABILITY) REGULATIONS 2011, AS AMENDED
EBBW VALE FREQUENCY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (APIS 2)**

I refer to your application for authorisation received on the 17th of April 2024. Following review of your application, I can confirm that ORR grants authorisation under regulation 4(1)(a) of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011, as amended.

This authorisation is for the placing in service of Ebbw Vale Frequency Enhancement project (APIS 2). The scope of the authorisation comprises of:

- Newbridge existing platform extension (approximately 73 metres).
- Gauge clearance data associated with new track in and around Newbridge station, including the new platform and adjacent to any other new or existing rail assets.
- Ticket vending machine installation at Llanhilleth and Newbridge stations.

Limits of Authorisation



Applicable NTSN	ELR	TID	Line	From		To	
				Miles	Yards	Miles	Yards
INF Track (PL)	WVL	2100	Down Ebbw Vale	07	0744	10	0707
	WVL	1100	Up Ebbw Vale	10	0707	10	1287
	WVL	2100	Down Ebbw Vale	10	1287	11	1145
PRM Newbridge	WVL	2100	Down Ebbw Vale (Platform two)	10	1021	10	1101

There are no restrictions or limitations of use on the structural subsystem as described in the Declaration of Verification, reference: 170574-NWR-00-WVL-PLN-EMG-000116-V02 23/05/2024 and described in the Approved Body and Designated Body Technical File Reference Report: NCB_N05637_CAR_5791 v2.0 dated 23/05/2024.

The Wales and Western System Review Panel has endorsed this project. SRP is satisfied that the recommendations listed in the Safety Assessment Report reference: NCB_N05637_SAR_5556 V1.0 dated 10/11/2023 and addendum reference: NCB_N05637_SAR_5764 V1.0 dated 19/03/2024, are considered closed and managed in accordance with the Declaration of Control Risk reference: 170574-NWR-00-WVL-PLN-EMG-000117, A04, dated 22/05/2024.

The Safety Assessment Report NCB_N05637_SAR_5556 V1.0 dated 10/11/2023 and addendum reference: NCB_N05637_SAR_5764 V1.0 dated 19/03/2024, undertaken by the Assessment Body concludes your suitable application of CSM-RA.

The infrastructure subsystem(s) authorised by this letter must be operated and maintained in accordance with Regulation 20.

You should be aware that any future modifications to the authorised subsystem may constitute a 'renewal', or an 'upgrade' as defined in Regulation 2. If a project entity, in relation to the project, considers that the modification meets either of these definitions they may apply, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 13, to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a decision on whether a new authorisation will be required. Should DfT decide that an authorisation is not required they must consult with ORR whether authorisation is required on safety grounds.

As the project entity you are responsible for retaining the technical file, keeping it up to date



and making it available to the ORR in accordance with Regulations 18 and 19.

If you are not the owner of the authorised subsystem you shall within 60 days, in accordance with Regulation 19(3), transfer the technical file, certificate of verification and verification declaration to the owner of the subsystem and the owner shall then be regarded as the project entity. If the owner, in accordance with Regulation 19(4), disposes of his interest in the authorised subsystem, he shall within 60 days of the disposal transfer the technical file, certificate of verification and verification declaration to the person acquiring that interest and that person shall be regarded as the project entity.

Please note that the person who applied for the authorisation shall send particulars to the owner of the infrastructure to enable the owner of the infrastructure to enter the items on the Register of Infrastructure in accordance with Table 1 of Commission Implementing Decision 2019/777 as amended by Regulations 21 to 30 of The Railways (Interoperability) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020. This will include such further information as the registration entity may reasonably require set out in the relevant standard.

The person who applied for the authorisation to place in service may apply to the ORR for a determination of type. You will receive the type authorisation after providing the relevant data to the ORR.

If you are the operator, may I remind you of the need to have adequate arrangements within your Safety Management System to control the risks associated with this infrastructure subsystem(s).

This decision letter will be published on ORR's website.

Yours sincerely

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