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Dear Joe and Jonathan

Ninth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited (Crossrail)

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement, submitted to us formally on 9 September 2019, following earlier informal submission for our review.

Purpose

2. The agreement amends Appendix 7D of Schedule 7 of the contract, by replacing the previous list of metred Class 345 stock with "All". This reflects that the full Class 345 fleet of 70 trains will be metred from the effective date.

Consultation

3. Network Rail undertook the industry consultation from 31 July to 28 August 2019. No objections were received.

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4. We note that the contract previously allowed for metred billing of a smaller proportion of the Class 345 fleet.

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- 5. Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. ORR's copy should be sent for my attention.
- 6. In accordance with section 72 of the Act, we will place a copy of the approval notice and the agreement on our public register. Copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at the Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

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