Appendix 9: Confirmation of credit framework for the issuance of on-demand guarantee

Date: [●]

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We refer to the competition held by the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (the "**OED**") regarding the allocation of a project area dedicated to offshore wind in Sørlige Nordsjø II (the "**Competition**"). [●] (the "**Applicant**") will file an application in accordance with theconditions for participation in the Competition.

It is a condition to participate in the auction following the pre-qualification that a bank issues an on‑demand guarantee on behalf of the Applicant in a manner substantially in accordance with the format in Appendix 10 (the " **Guarantee**"). It is a condition for pre-qualification that the Applicant submits a confirmation from a bank that such an on-demand Guarantee will be able to be issued.

On the request of the Applicant, the undersigned [*name of bank*] (the "**Bank**") issues this confirmation to the OED for the purpose of the Applicant satisfying the pre-qualification conditions.

We confirm the following: The Applicant is a customer of the Bank and the Bank has granted to the Applicant an offer for financing that allows for the issuance of the Guarantee in the amount of NOK 400,000,000 (plus any default interest) as security for the payment of liquidated damages in accordance with the declaration of commitment in a corresponding amount.

Issuance of the Guarantee is contingent of the fulfilment of the conditions in the financing offer to the Applicant at the time of the Applicant's request for issuance of the Guarantee.

The Bank confirms that it has a credit rating equivalent of at least A- (S&P / Fitch) or A3 (Moody's).

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Signatory on behalf of the Bank

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