Appendix 5a – Template for Support Letter – Economic and Financial Strength

Date: [●]

Ministry of Energy
Akersgata 59, 0180 Oslo

We refer to the Ministry of Energy's ("**MoE**") competition for the award of project areas for offshore wind in Utsira Nord (the “**Competition**").

[●] (the “**Applicant**") will submit an application for allocation in accordance with the terms of participation in the Competition. The Applicant is entitled to rely on the capacity of associated parties to fulfill qualification requirements A (Revenue) and B (Solidity/Credit Rating), cf. point 3 in Appendix 3, and for the response to the qualitative sub-criterion 3A (Financial Strength), cf. point 4 in Appendix 3.

The following constitute the Applicant's associated parties: (i) any Consortium Member, (ii) any Owner, and (iii) any physical or legal person who has Control, is under the Control of, or is under common Control with an Owner.

**"Consortium Member"** means (i) when the Applicant is not a legal entity; the legal entities that have jointly signed the application letter, or (ii) when the Applicant is a legal entity; the legal entities that are shareholders or partners in the Applicant or otherwise have a direct ownership interest in the Applicant or in a legal entity that directly or indirectly owns all shares or partnership interests in the Applicant.

**"Owner"** means a physical or legal person who is a shareholder or partner or otherwise has a direct ownership interest in the Consortium Member or in a legal entity that directly or indirectly owns all shares or partnership interests in the Consortium Member.

**"Control"** means that a physical or legal person alone or together with a legal entity under its control
(i) owns enough shares or partnership interests to represent the majority of votes in a legal entity,
(ii) based on an agreement with another physical or legal person has the right to elect or dismiss a majority of the board members in a legal entity, or (iii) otherwise has decisive influence over a legal entity, cf. the Norwegian Limited Liability Companies Act section 1-3.

The Applicant relies on support from the following associated parties to fulfill the qualification requirement and/or sub-criterion as specified here:

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| Applicant/Consortium member | Associated party providing support, including description of affiliation to the Applicant | Requirement/Criterion for which support is provided |
| [●] | [●] | [●] |
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On this basis, it is confirmed that the aforementioned company:

1. is an associated party to the Applicant; and
2. intends to support the Applicant in the execution of the project with the resources the companies possess, as documented in the application for the allocation of the project area.

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For [associated party]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

For [associated party]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Attachment: Documentation that the person(s) who have signed the support letter can validly bind the associated party through signature rights, procuration, or specific power of attorney.