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**Re: HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK ETC. ACT 1974 TRANSFER PROCEDURES**

Dear Trevor,

Thank you for your letter dated 09 February 2015 outlining the HSE's position on the transfer of personnel from vessel to offshore fixed assets on UK offshore windfarms. This letter and the expectations contained within it have been discussed by the G9 Board of Directors and the Focal Group.

Within the G9, there is a strong desire to improve Health & Safety performance not only in the UK but at all member sites in Northern Europe. To support this objective, we can confirm that G9 members support the HSE position of ensuring permanent attachment to the fall arrest system during transfer operations where a traditional push on process via Crew Transfer Vessel (CTV) is used, until other relevant mitigating measures and new technologies, which can bring the risks associated with the transfer operation to an acceptable level, are introduced.

Within the G9, where member sites are not currently adopting this approach we will work collectively to support a transition to this arrangement and will notify the wider industry via the G9 website and other appropriate channels once this is in place.

Yours sincerely,

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Benj Sykes  
Head of Asset Management, DONG Energy  
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A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be "Stephen Rose".

Stephen Rose  
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