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Dear Sarah & Ian

Amendment of a track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and GB Railfreight Limited: Thirtieth Supplemental Agreement.

1. On 1 November 2022 the Office of Rail and Road (**ORR**) approved the thirtieth Supplemental Agreement (**SA**) to the track access contract (**TAC**) between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) and GB Railfreight Limited (**GBRf**) under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (**the Act**), submitted to us on 1 November 2022. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision.

Background

2. This SA amends one existing one-hour window Firm Right between Tuebrook Sidings and Shap Harrison's Quarry. The change corrects a typographical error in the arrival window at Shap Harrison's Quarry to reflect actual operations.

Consultation

3. This agreement went out to consultation between 22 July 2022 and 22 August 2022. There are no outstanding unresolved issues.

ORR Decision

4. This application is under section 22 of the Act and therefore is agreed between the parties and there are no outstanding issues. We are content to approve this agreement.
5. In making this decision, we are satisfied that this decision reflects our duties under section 4 of the Act, in particular:
 - (i) to protect the interests of users of railway assets;
 - (ii) to promote the use of railway network in Great Britain for the carriage of passengers and goods and the development of that railway network, to the greatest extent ...economically practicable;
 - (iii) to promote efficiency and economy on the part of the persons providing railway services; and
 - (iv) to enable persons providing railway services to plan the future of their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance.

Conformed copy

6. Under clause 18.2.4 of the TAC, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to GBRf and me. I look forward to receiving the conformed copy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M Haswell".

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