## CHANNEL TUNNEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION

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Monsieur Jacques Gounon, CBE Chief Executive Officer Eurotunnel BP69 62904 COQUELLES Cedex

Dear M. le President

## **ElecLink Project**

Thank you for your letters to the CTSA and the IGC dated 4 July 2018, and for Eurotunnel's attendance at the IGC meeting on 12 July 2018.

The IGC confirms that it is fully committed to the success of this important and innovative project. We would like to express our thanks to all those who have worked hard over the recent months to address these issues.

The IGC and CTSA have made clear over a substantial period of time the steps Eurotunnel and ElecLink must take to have consent reinstated including in the following correspondence:

- Letters from CTSA to Eurotunnel, dated 23 December 2016, 21 February 2017, 7 February 2018, 25 May 2018; and
- Letters from IGC to Eurotunnel, dated 9 March 2017, 2 August 2017, 18 October 2017, 13 November 2017, 20 December 2017, 16 May 2018.

We have communicated our safety and security concerns to Eurotunnel and ElecLink during numerous ad hoc working group meetings. Any physical works before the risk evaluation and assessment are finalised inevitably jeopardize the opportunity to optimise risk control through design, manufacture and build. The CTSA has recently advised the IGC that a number of serious concerns still require resolution.

Consent for the ElecLink Project continues to be suspended. This decision reflects the advice of the CTSA. This decision was communicated to Eurotunnel representatives on 12 July 2018. We explained that the CTSA requires all the reports and documentation

requested and will need adequate time to review these before making a further recommendation. We understand that you intend to provide this to us at the end of August. Eurotunnel has recognised in correspondence to the IGC that it cannot initiate work on installing the interconnector cable unless and until the IGC gives its express authorisation (see, for example, the letter from Jacques Gounon to Pascale Andreani, dated 3 October 2017).

The IGC therefore requires that Eurotunnel and ElecLink work to resolve the concerns of the CTSA before the IGC can consider reinstating consent for the Project (which will also need to take account of advice from the JSC).

The enclosed Direction, issued jointly by the IGC and CTSA under Article 27.5 of the Concession Agreement, requires Eurotunnel and ElecLink not to commence work on installation of the interconnector cable until the IGC has reinstated consent for the Project. Failure to comply with the terms of the Direction will constitute a breach of the Concession Agreement under Article 26.

A copy of this letter will be sent to Frédéric Perrin, acting Head of the French Delegation to the Intergovernmental Commission and to Jen Ablitt, Head of the UK Delegation to the CTSA, and Jean-Marie Paulot and Hannah Tooze, joint chairs of the JSC.

Yours sincerely,

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