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Dear Rhiannon and Chris

Amendment of a track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Freightliner Limited: Fourteenth Supplemental Agreement.

1. On 8 March 2022 the Office of Rail and Road (**ORR**) approved the fourteenth Supplemental Agreement (**SA**) to the track access contract (**TAC**) between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) and Freightliner Limited (**Freightliner**) under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (**the Act**), submitted to us on 8 March 2022. This letter sets out the reasons for our decision.

Background

2. This SA adds 2 new one-hour window Firm Rights. The new rights contractualise existing intermodal traffic between Runcorn Folly Lane and Crewe Basford Hall.

Consultation

3. This agreement went out to consultation between 17 November 2021 and 17 December 2021. 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 Freightliner and me. I look forward to receiving the conformed copy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Haswell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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