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Seventeenth Supplemental Agreement

between

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

and

Direct Rail Services Limited

relating to

The amendment of a track access agreement

THIS SEVENTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is dated XX XXXX 2025 and made

BETWEEN:

- (1) NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED a company registered in England (number 2904587) having its registered office at Waterloo General Office, London, SE1 8SW ("Network Rail"); and
- (2) DIRECT RAIL SERVICES LIMITED a company registered in England under number 3020822 having its registered office at Hinton House, Birchwood Park Avenue, Risley, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 6GR (The "Train Operator").

WHEREAS

- (A) The parties entered into a Track Access Contract (Freight Services) dated 11 December 2016 in a form approved by the Office of Rail and Road ("ORR") pursuant to section 17 of the Act (which track access contract as subsequently amended is hereafter referred to as the "Contract").
- (B) The parties have been directed by ORR pursuant to section 22A of the Act to vary the Contract as described below.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

In this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement:-

- (A) Words and expressions defined in and rules of interpretation set out in the Agreement shall have the same meaning and effect when used in this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement except where the context requires otherwise; and
- (B) "Effective Date" means the date upon which the parties enter into this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement subject to ORR's directions under section 22A of the Act.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

"Effective Date" means the date upon which the ORR issues its approval pursuant to Section 22A of the Act of the terms of this Seventeenth Supplemental Agreement.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT

The Rights Table in Schedule 5 of the Contract shall be amended by

- 31 New Rights
- 31 Amended Rights
- 5 Relinquished Rights

The specific changes are set out in Appendix A

4. GENERAL

The parties agree that the Contract, as amended by this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, and with effect from and including the Effective Date and during the period in which the amendments made by this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement are to have effect, all references in the Contract to "the Contract", "herein", "hereof", "hereunder" and other similar expressions shall, unless the context requires otherwise, be read and construed as a reference to the Contract as amended by this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement.

5. LAW

This SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement shall be governed by, construed and given effect to in all respects in accordance with English Law.

6. COUNTERPARTS

This SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

7. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person who is not a party to this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement shall have any right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Network Rail and the Train Operator have, by their duly authorized representatives, respectively entered into this SEVENTEENTH Supplemental Agreement on the date first above written.

SIGNED by Steve Rhymes, Freight and Customer Director
for and on behalf of
NETWORK RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED

XX XXXX 2025

SIGNED by Tony Hewitson, Head of Commercial Rail
for and on behalf of
DIRECT RAIL SERVICES LIMITED

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