



## SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT

### for Financial Year ended 31 December 2023

This is the slavery and human trafficking statement of H2NE Parentco Limited (the “**Parent**”) and its subsidiary, H2NorthEast Limited (“**H2NEL**” and, together with the Parent, the “**H2NE Group**”) in each case in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Parent is the holding company of H2NEL. Since 8 December 2023 the Parent has been 50% owned by SSE Hydrogen Holdings Limited and 50% owned by Kellas Hydrogen Limited. Prior to 8 December 2023 the Parent was solely owned by Kellas Hydrogen Limited, whose ultimate corporate parent is Silverstream Holdings Limited (“**SHL**”). For the majority of the Financial Year ended 31 December 2023 H2NEL and the Parent were subsidiaries of SHL and part of the SHL group (the “**Group**”). In the period from 8 December 2023 to 31 December 2023, while only 50% owned by the Group, the Parent and H2NEL continued to act in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Group.

### INTRODUCTION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PARENT

We are committed to ensuring that we combat slavery and human trafficking throughout the H2NE Group, in a manner appropriate in the context of the business of the H2NE Group, to ensure the H2NE Group’s compliance with the law.

The Group operates on the basis of one clear Purpose and 3 Principles, which are the guiding values that support the Group in achieving its Purpose. The H2NE Group continues to support such Purpose and Principles.

**Purpose:** To be an energy infrastructure company delivering safe, reliable and innovative solutions for its customers, and growth for its stakeholders.

#### **Principles:**

*Integrity* – Everything the Group does is underpinned by honesty, trust and credibility; the ethos is always to “do things right and do the right thing”.

*Partnership* – Collaboration, cooperation, agility and mutual interest are consistent across all of the Group’s relationships: with employees; customers; regulators; and operating partners. The goal is to deliver win-win results for all partners and stakeholders.

*Tenacity* – Determination to succeed, coupled with experience and professionalism, is what allows the Group to deliver excellent results, add value and make a success of everything the business does, even when faced with the greatest of challenges.

The Group is committed to these principles, which help to inform how the Group’s people are expected to behave, as individuals and collectively as a business. The H2NE Group continued its commitment to these principles in the period from 8 December 2023 to 31 December 2023.

### ORGANISATION'S STRUCTURE

The Group has a global annual turnover in excess of £36 million. The H2NE Group does not yet generate revenue.

### OUR BUSINESS

The Group provides hydrocarbon gathering, transportation and processing services to the oil and gas industry in the North Sea. The Group’s business is organised into business units each of which is responsible for either the management and operation of oil and gas infrastructure assets owned (in whole or part) and operated by the Group or for the general business development activities of the Group. Kellas Midstream Limited, a Group company, is the Group employing entity and provides management and support services to the rest of the Group (including H2NEL).



The H2NE Group is the owner and developer of H2NorthEast, a major project to build a 1GW CCUS-enabled low carbon hydrogen production facility on Teesside that has the potential to contribute 10% of the UK's target 10GW hydrogen capacity by 2030. Kellas Midstream Limited (a member of the Group) provides services to the H2NE Group pursuant to a master services agreement. The H2NE Group has no employees.

## **OUR SUPPLY CHAINS**

The Group's management team are responsible for the delivery of the business of the Group. The H2NE Group's management team and service providers are responsible for the delivery of the business of the H2NE Group.

The business of the Group has been designed such that the day-to-day operational activities associated with the infrastructure assets operated by the Group are performed by third party organisations possessing the necessary capabilities and expertise to perform such services. These third-party suppliers have been appointed following rigorous tendering and review processes and all have considerable experience of the work they have been appointed to perform. They themselves may rely on the provision of services from third parties. The Group maintains close relationships with our suppliers and we monitor the activities carried out by them on our behalf on a continuous basis. The Group audits these suppliers on a regular basis against their contractual undertakings and that audit process includes the review of any sub-contractor assessment process followed by them when appointing key contractors.

In addition to the appointment of the above-mentioned third-party suppliers, the Group also relies, for the proper performance of its business, on the provision by third party suppliers of financial, technical, legal and other operational services to augment in-house capabilities. These service providers are appointed as and when the needs of the business so require. The Group maintains close relationships with our suppliers and monitors the activities they carry out on our behalf on a continuous basis. The Group assesses the suitability of, and audits, these suppliers on a regular basis against their contractual undertakings.

## **OUR POLICIES ON SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chains or in any part of our business. Our Anti-slavery and Human Trafficking Policy was updated and reissued within the Group during 2023 and reflects our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and to implementing and enforcing effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in our supply chains. The H2NE Group Anti-slavery and Human Trafficking Policy will be reviewed again during 2024 to ensure that it continues to be fit for this purpose.

## **DUE DILIGENCE PROCESSES FOR SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

As part of our initiative to identify and mitigate risk we:

- carry out due diligence in respect of, and audit, our supply chains to identify and assess potential risk areas in our supply chains and mitigate the risk of slavery and human trafficking occurring in our supply chains;
- monitor potential risk areas in our supply chains; and
- protect whistle blowers.

## **SUPPLIER ADHERENCE TO OUR VALUES**

We have zero tolerance to slavery and human trafficking. To ensure all those in our supply chain and contractors comply with our values we provide them with a copy of our Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Policy and ask them to confirm they have received and understood the requirements of that Policy, they will not act in contravention of that Policy and will comply with all applicable laws. In order to monitor our supply chains' compliance, we undertake regular performance management meetings



with, and audits of, our existing long term supply chain and a detailed tendering process, as required by our business model, prior to engaging our key supply chain. This process is supported by the wider business and we only engage with key suppliers which are well established entities with strong reputations of good management.

## **TRAINING**

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chains and our business, we provide training to our staff. Online training is provided to all new staff of the Group. The training material is regularly updated and reperformed by staff to cover any new developments and ensure continued familiarisation, at least every two years.

## **KPIs**

Completion of the requisite modern slavery training by staff is part of the Group's annual ESG training plan and is one of the Group's KPIs. Compliance is monitored as part of the Group's operational performance.

## **OUR EFFECTIVENESS IN COMBATING SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Our procurement processes require that a legal advisor be involved in the award of all contracts and a rigorous review process is carried out as part of any tendering exercise at which point the sub-contracting strategy of the relevant potential service provider is considered.

## **FURTHER STEPS**

For purposes of heightening scrutiny of our supply chains generally, and ensuring that neither slavery nor human trafficking are present therein, We have implemented, and will continue to refine, a formal contractor due diligence procedure for use throughout the H2NE Group. This process will help us assess the risks of slavery and human trafficking within our supply chain more consistently and understand and assess the effectiveness of the steps and action taken by companies within our supply chain to avoid instances of slavery and human trafficking and to ensure we monitor and regularly review those risks and actions.

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes our Group's slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.

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Director, for and on behalf of  
**H2NE PARENTCO LIMITED**

Date: 11 June 2024