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Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: REQUEST TO DETERMINE IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGE TO FORTHWIND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Following on from previous discussions with Marine Scotland, Forthwind Ltd are seeking an opinion from Marine Scotland's Licensing and Operations Team (MS-LOT) on the implications of changing the project description within the Forthwind Offshore Wind Demonstration Project Section 36 consent, granted on the 21 December 2016.

I've uploaded a number of electronic documents on a dropbox folder, provided with the intent to support MS-LOTs considerations, detailing the nature of the proposed change to the existing consented project description, its implications and a specific request to scope the requirements of a potential new application or variation application to support the change in project description. The documents provided are:

- The Forthwind Section 36 Variation Proposal; containing a description of the changes being considered; and outline of the associated effects on the character, scale and environmental impact of the proposed changes and a number of technical reports assessing the environmental significance of the proposed changes. The document also contains a request to MS-LOT for a scoping opinion on whether the information provided within the technical reports provide enough information to be included within environmental assessment of the amended project description or if additional environmental information is required for a determination.
- 4 figures supporting the SLVIA technical assessment undertaken by OPEN; and
- 2 figures supporting the ornithology technical assessment undertaken by Gavia Environmental.

Should you require hardcopies of the above please let me know.

The variation to the existing consent being sought is to (a) retain the existing description; and (b) include the following as an alternative installation option:

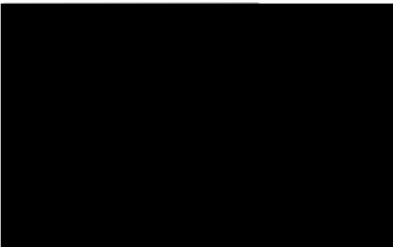
- Not more than 1 WTG with up to 3 blades with:

- either a lattice or tower structure;
- a maximum blade tip height of 260 metres (measured from LAT)
- a maximum rotor diameter of 220 meters; and
- a maximum hub height of 160 metres (measured from LAT)

It is proposed that, should MS-LOT determine that a variation application is a suitable mechanism to undertake the change to the project description, Forthwind will provide an Environment Statement (ES) Addendum to the original Forthwind supporting ES (July2015) which supported the Section 36 application. The ES Addendum will provide details of the environmental effects resulting from the proposed project description changes.

Should you require clarification on any aspect associated with Forthwind's request or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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