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Dear Sir

Moray Offshore Renewables Limited
Telford, Stevenson and MacColl Wind Farms – Applications for Section 36 Consents
Telford, Stevenson and MacColl Wind Farms – Applications for Marine Licences
Offshore Transmission Infrastructure – Application for a Marine Licence

This covering letter accompanies applications for Section 36 Consents and associated Marine Licences for the proposed Telford, Stevenson and MacColl Offshore Wind Farms and Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (OfTI) together referred to as 'the Project'. This letter provides an overview of the application documents that are being submitted by Moray Offshore Renewables Limited (MORL) to Marine Scotland, and it also summarises the submission process that MORL has adhered to.

MORL is a joint venture company with 67% owned by EDPR UK and 33% by Repsol Nuevas Energias UK. The purpose of MORL is to develop, design, finance, construct and operate offshore wind farm projects within the Moray Firth Round 3 Zone. Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) have been established to consent, construct, operate and maintain the offshore wind farm sites within the Zone.

The following applications are hereby submitted to Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) for consent:

1. An application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station ('Section 36 Consent') by Telford Offshore Windfarm Limited for the Telford Offshore Wind Farm and an application for an associated Marine Licence.
2. An application for Section 36 Consent for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station by Stevenson Offshore Wind Farm Limited for the Stevenson Offshore Windfarm and an application for an associated Marine Licence.
3. An application for Section 36 Consent for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station by MacColl Offshore Wind Farm Limited for the MacColl Offshore Windfarm and an application for an associated Marine Licence.

4. A separate Marine Licence application pursuant to Section 20 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Sections 65 and 66 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration or improvement of works within the Scottish Marine Area and Scottish Offshore Region by MORL for the OfTI to enable power from the offshore generating stations to be exported to the National Grid at the existing Peterhead power station.

Please see below for a full list of all the documents which accompany this letter and comprise the applications.

Draft ES Consultation

The applications and associated Environmental Statement (ES) have been completed following an extensive programme of stakeholder consultation based on the draft ES which was issued by MORL in relation to the Project in late 2011/early 2012. MORL are grateful to Marine Scotland for their detailed consultation responses to the draft ES and for the facilitation of stakeholder meetings. We confirm that:

- 21 organisations received the draft ES;
- 18 meetings were agreed and held with stakeholders; and
- 16 written responses were received by MORL.

The resources which Marine Scotland and key stakeholders directed to the draft ES have enabled the document to be refined and have allowed a number of issues and concerns of stakeholders to be addressed prior to consent application which we hope will assist Marine Scotland during the determination process. Details of this consultation process and MORL's response to the issues raised are set out in full in the ES.

Gate Check

MORL has been in regular communication with MS-LOT regarding compliance with their checklist for submission. Below is a list the documents which were submitted for gate-checking by MS-LOT, which included a final draft version of the ES, updated to take account of feedback received during draft ES consultation (see text above).

1. Draft applications for Section 36 Consents and Marine Licences for the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl Offshore Wind Farms together with the draft application Marine Licence for the OfTI.
2. Draft advertisements in respect of the Section 36 applications.
3. Final Draft Environmental Statement in support of the above applications.

MORL received the MS-LOT gate check report on 5 July 2012. We are grateful for the helpful comments and guidance contained therein which have been used to ensure that the applications and supporting documentation are robust for submission. Enclosed with this letter is a summary document prepared for MS-LOT to demonstrate how these comments have been addressed in the submission documents.

Application Documents

Below is a list of all the submission documents which are enclosed. We confirm that five copies of each document are provided as requested by MS-LOT on 5 July.

1. Section 36 applications for consent under the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of the proposed offshore generating stations, Telford, Stevenson and MacColl Offshore Wind Farms.
2. Applications forms for Marine Licences pursuant to Sections 65 and 66 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration or improvement of works within the Scottish Offshore Region for the Telford, Stevenson and MacColl Offshore Wind Farms.
3. An application form for a Marine Licence pursuant to Section 20 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Sections 65 and 66 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration or improvement of works within the Scottish Marine Area and Scottish Offshore Region in relation to the offshore transmission works.
4. Advertisements in respect of the applications.
5. The Environmental Statement in support of the above applications. This is comprised of the following volumes:
 - Environmental Statement Volume 1 - Non Technical Summary (NTS);
 - Environmental Statement Volume 2 - The Project and Description of the Environment;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 3 - Offshore Generating Station Impact Assessment;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 4 - Transmission Infrastructure Impact Assessment;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 5 - Whole Project Assessment and Cumulative Impact Assessment;
 - Environmental Statement Volumes 6a and 6b – Figures;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 7 – Seascape, Landscape and Visual Receptor Figures and Photomontages;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 8 – Technical Appendices – The Project;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 9 – Technical Appendices – Physical Environment ;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 10 (in three parts) – Technical Appendices – Biological Environment;
 - Environmental Statement Volume 11 – Technical Appendices – Human Environment; and
 - Confidential Technical Appendix 4.5 B (Terrestrial Ecology).
6. ES Book Map and Guide.
7. Planning Statement.
8. A spreadsheet listing all stakeholders who have been contacted to establish whether and in what format they wish to receive the applications and ES.
9. MORL gate check response report.

In addition, items 1 – 7 above are provided electronically on DVD. The Confidential Technical Appendix is provided electronically on a separate disk. Eleven electronic copies of the ES are enclosed as requested by MS-LOT on 5 July.

Fees

We would confirm that the following sums will be sent to Scottish Government electronically. Each payment is marked with the name of the wind farm / OfTI to ensure that all sums can be easily identified and applied to the relevant applications. Total fees are £214,080, and a breakdown of fees by application is provided below.

MacColl Offshore Windfarm Ltd

Section 36 fee of	£30,000
Marine Licence fee of	£31,020
<i>TOTAL application fees of</i>	<i>£61,020</i>

Telford Offshore Windfarm Ltd

Section 36 fee of	£30,000
Marine Licence fee of	£31,020
<i>TOTAL application fees of</i>	<i>£61,020</i>

Stevenson Offshore Windfarm Ltd

Section 36 fee of	£30,000
Marine Licence fee of	£31,020
<i>TOTAL application fees of</i>	<i>£61,020</i>

MORL Offshore Transmission Infrastructure

Marine Licence fee of	£31,020
<i>TOTAL application fees of</i>	<i>£31,020</i>

Advertisements

We confirm that advertisements regarding the applications will be placed in local newspapers, the Scotsman newspaper and the Edinburgh Gazette on a date agreed with MS-LOT and again seven days later.

Public Engagement

MORL recognise the significance of the proposed development to individuals, communities and organisations within the Moray Firth area, and have undertaken robust programmes of engagement over the last two years. These have been guided by PAN 81, (revised by PAN 3/2010) and by the new Pre-Application Consultation provisions which came into force in August 2009.

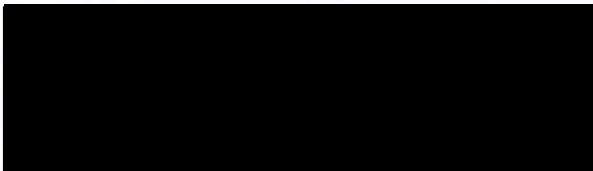
A detailed report on Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) activities is included within the Environmental Statement at Chapter 1.4.



Post application, a further series of public engagement events, accompanied by media advertising is proposed. This will provide communities, individuals and organisations with full detail of the final proposals, and provide access to the Environmental Statement. To ensure maximum accessibility, these will be held in autumn, beyond the school summer holidays. A further report on the outcome of these activities will be supplied to MS-LOT after their conclusion.

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of the applications and supporting documents together with the associated fees. MORL welcomes continued engagement in relation to these applications and any representations which Marine Scotland receives. We remain fully committed to continuing our work in addressing any remaining concerns of our stakeholders in relation to the Project and meeting the requirements of Marine Scotland to enable determination of these applications. If we can provide any assistance in this regard at this stage then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Dan Finch
MORL Project Director