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Dear Mr Queiros,

Please find attached a copy of our response to the recently submitted Seagreen addendum.

Regards,

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29th September 2013

Dear Mr Sutherland,

Seagreen Wind Energy Limited application for Marine Licenses & Section 36 Consents

RSPB Scotland has received the addendum to Seagreen Phase 1 Offshore Environmental Statement and also recently met with the Seagreen project team to discuss its contents. We are grateful for the efforts of the applicant to meet and discuss the details of the project.

We understand the addendum represents the final formal submission of information to Marine Scotland in support of the original application issued in October 2012. However, ongoing discussions between the statutory bodies/ authorities and the Firth of Forth developers are continuing. Discussions are primarily focused on achieving 'common currency' parameters to enable the statutory authorities to undertake their own assessment of the application in isolation and in-combination with the other Firth of Forth proposals. Like the authorities, in order for us to undertake a full appraisal of the application we also require the details and outputs of the common currency process, in-addition to the addendum and also the outputs of the Marine Scotland commissioned research projects.

At this stage, for the reasons provided above, we maintain our position of **objection** to the Seagreen Phase 1 application. This position remains until such time as details of the 'common currency' process are concluded and the research projects are finalised and we are able to reassess.

Notwithstanding our position we wish to highlight the high-quality of the assessment and reporting contained within the addendum. Also, we appreciate the analytical approaches taken by the project team and acknowledge that the development of their own 'common currency' has been a valuable addition to the information available to ultimately inform our decisions.

Yours sincerely,

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