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Attention: Andrew Sutherland, Marine Renewables Licensing Advisor

**Firth of Forth Seagreen Phase 1 Offshore Project
Seagreen Wind Energy Limited - Addendum to Seagreen Phase1 Offshore
Environmental Statement**

Dear Andrew,

Seagreen Wind Energy Limited (Seagreen) is a joint venture between SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Limited (SSER) and Fluor Limited (Fluor), the UK operating arm of the Fluor Corporation. Seagreen has been granted rights by The Crown Estate to develop offshore wind farms in the Firth of Forth Round 3 Zone 2 (the Zone).

The Zone is being developed as a series of phases within which a number of offshore wind farm projects are to be located. The first phase (known as Phase 1) to be developed includes the offshore wind farm projects known as Project Alpha and Project Bravo. Phase 1 also includes the Transmission Asset Project, which comprises the offshore substation platforms and the export cables that transmit the electricity generated by the offshore wind farm projects back to shore.

Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited (SAWEL) and Seagreen Bravo Wind Energy Limited (SBWEL) are the project companies for the two schemes. SAWEL and SBWEL are part of the Seagreen group of companies and are wholly owned subsidiaries of Seagreen.

This document provides an addendum to the consent applications, made in October 2012, under the Electricity Act 1989, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, to construct, operate and decommission Project Alpha and Project Bravo offshore wind farms and the associated Transmission Asset Project up to Mean High Water Springs (MHWS). The addendum consists of the following documents:

- **Part 1:** Non Technical Summary
- **Part 2:** Seagreen Phase 1 Offshore Project Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) – Information to Inform Appropriate Assessment Report (Seagreen Reference: A4MRSEAG-Z-DEV275-SRP-233-vB3)
- **Part 3:** Erratum notifications that relate to the Seagreen Phase 1 Offshore Project Environmental Statement (ES) (Seagreen Reference: A4MRSEAG-Z-DOC100-SPR-060)



We would like to draw MS-LOT's attention to the HRA Report Section 2, paragraph 2.17, regarding a query in respect of the advice received by Seagreen on the recommended use of colony counts for auks. MS-LOT has confirmed that 'individuals' from colony counts was the most appropriate metric and that no adjustment should be undertaken. Seagreen has followed this approach. It was highlighted to MS-LOT that the effect of using individuals in colony counts of Guillemot and Razorbill without adjustment to account for colony attendance reduces the size of the population likely to be present and may therefore tend to overestimate any effect. Furthermore, it is highlighted that Mainstream and Repsol/EDPR have attempted this adjustment in their respective reports for the Neart na Gaoithe and Inch Cape projects respectively.

Seagreen also wishes to draw MS-LOT's attention to the HRA Report, Section 2, paragraph 2.18, regarding the inconsistency in the definition of the reference Razorbill population estimate for the Forth Islands SPA colony. This required an adjustment, as described in the HRA Report, to be consistent with the other SPA colony populations provided. Without this adjustment the assessment would have underestimated the effect on one colony relative to the others.

As agreed with the Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, Seagreen will advertise the publication of an addendum for two consecutive weeks in the following publications:

- Edinburgh Gazette
- The Scotsman
- Arbroath Herald
- Dundee Courier
- Carnoustie Guide and Gazette
- Montrose Review
- Aberdeen Press
- St Andrews Herald

The addendum will also be available for viewing during normal business hours at the following locations:

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EH6 6QQ**

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Market Street
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DD7 6AN**

**Arbroath Library
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**Dundee Central Library
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DD1 1DB**

**Montrose Library
214 High Street
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DD10 8PH**



We trust the above and the enclosed meets with your requirements and we look forward to receiving acknowledgement of receipt.

If we can be of any further assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Robert East

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For and on behalf of
Seagreen Wind Energy Limited