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Attn: Marine Directorate Licencing Operations Team (MD-LOT)

**Port of Nigg, Cromarty Firth  
Engineering Works to Form New Berthing Quay East Side of Inner Dock: Screening  
Request**

On behalf of our client, Global Energy Nigg, we write regarding their intention to progress the above noted works. As such a planning application for shore-based works will be submitted to Highland Council with marine construction and dredging licences applied for from Marine Directorate. A Major Pre-application Meeting with the council was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 with the council providing a Pre-application and Advice for Major Developments note dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (Council Ref No 23/02299/PREMAJ) (Note is attached for reference).

As the new berthing quay is expected to handle vessels of over 1,350 tonnes, we are of the opinion that the proposals fall into Paragraph 8 (2), Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. As such any application to the council and Marine Scotland requires to be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

We are commencing preparation of the above noted applications with the intention of construction work commencing in August 2024. As such can you confirm our interpretation of the regulations is correct, and that this project screens positively under the regs as a Schedule 1 development? To aid you with forming your opinion we have attached the package of information that has been submitted to the council accompanying a similar request. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Due to the tight programme, in order to save time we have commenced the scoping exercise and will be submitting our scoping report in due course, in advance of the EIAR submission. Please note we are also drafting a shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for these works to help ensure suitable scrutiny of the local habitats and the identification of any required mitigation.

We look forward to your response on this matter and would welcome further discussion, as needed.

Yours sincerely  
**for EnviroCentre Limited**

(issued electronically)

**Emma Cormack**  
**Principal Consultant**

Enc: Highland Council Pre-application and Advice for Major Developments note;  
PA001 Site Location Plan; and  
A package of Photographs and Drawings.

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