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Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: CONSENT GRANTED BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE EUROPEAN OFFSHORE WIND DEPLOYMENT CENTRE (EOWDC) ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION, ABERDEEN BAY, APPROXIMATELY 2 km EAST OF BLACKDOG, ABERDEENSHIRE

Annex 2 – Conditions of Section 36 Consent – Condition 16

With reference to the above noted condition stating that:

Within six months of the date of the granting of the Section 36 consent, the Company must provide to the Scottish Ministers information on the funding mechanisms for the research and monitoring programme referred to in Condition 15.

I wish to address the above condition on behalf of Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited (AOWFL).

AOWFL and the consortium partners have been awarded €40 million grant under the European Energy Programme for Recovery from the European (EEPR) Union for the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre project (also known as the Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm).

Within this grant funding, over €1.5 million has been allocated for the sole purpose of environmental research and monitoring which will be match funded by AOWFL. This results in an environmental research and monitoring budget totalling €3,032,496. This is a stand-alone sum and is separate to the additional funding looking at all other research and development work packages. The environmental research is also separate and additional to any monitoring requirements within the marine licence.

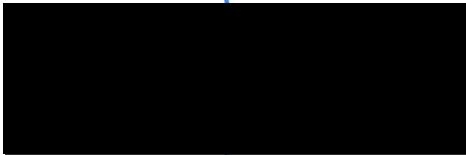
In preparing budgets, AOWFL has taken into account the scope of the monitoring programme which is a condition of the consent and of the EEPR grant funding, to ensure that sufficient budget is set aside for non-laboratory based research and monitoring over the life of the project.

A scientific expert panel will be established and this panel will decide upon where, when, and how the funding should be spent. This will look at environmental research; pre, during and post construction monitoring.

The mechanism of funding will be via AOWFL. AOWFL will be responsible for paying for the environmental research and monitoring and then will subsequently claim half the value back from the European Union under the above grant agreement.

The execution of the environmental research and monitoring is conditional on the project obtaining a successful final investment decision.

Yours sincerely,



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