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Dear Ms Sleightholme,

#### **EUROPEAN OFFSHORE WIND DEPLOYMENT CENTRE – CONDITION 14**

As you are aware, the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre was consented by Scottish Ministers subject to conditions being imposed. One of which was the following:

*14. Prior to the Commencement of the Development, a detailed Design Statement must be submitted by the Company to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval, after consultation by the Scottish Ministers with SNH, Marine and Coastguard Agency, Northern Lighthouse Board, National Air Traffic Services and any such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. The Design Statement must provide guiding principles for the deployment of the wind turbines. This plan must detail:*

*(a)Layout location for each phase and each turbine; and*

*(b)Turbine height, finishes, blade diameter and rotation speed across each phase, rows and individual turbine locations; and*

*(c)Lighting requirements (navigation and aviation) for each turbine / row, or, as the case may be, phase including any anemometer mast; and*

*(d)further detailed assessment of visual impacts to inform the detailed layout and design of each location and phase of the deployment centre from selected viewpoints to be agreed with the Scottish Ministers and any such other advisors as may be required at their discretion.*

*Reason: To set out design principles to mitigate, as far as possible, the visual impact of the turbines.*

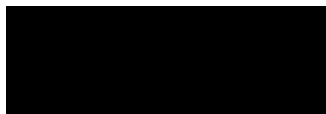
Recent discussions between Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited and the Scottish Ministers have focussed on the current iteration of the draft design statement. The draft design statement was passed to SNH, MCA, NATS and NLB for comment as set out in the consent condition. No objections were received. Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council were consulted separately and have also confirmed they have no objections to the draft design statement.

The Scottish Ministers confirm they are satisfied with the current iteration of the draft design statement and have no objections to Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited progressing with the work to further refine the design and layout taking into account the consultee comments and in line with the commitments set out in the letter sent to MS-LOT dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016.

The Scottish Ministers also confirm that the current iteration of the draft design statement, consultee responses and the letter of commitment will be placed on our webpages and therefore interested parties will be able to access the information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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