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BOWL Ref: LF000005-LET-382

Dear Catarina,

BOWL Section 36 Consent Condition 27 (Offshore Wind Farm) and Marine Licence (Offshore Transmission Works) Condition 3.2.1.1 – Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (PEMP)

Please find enclosed the Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (PEMP) prepared on behalf of Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Ltd (BOWL).

The PEMP has been prepared to address the specific requirements of the above conditions attached to Section 36 (S36) Consent and Offshore Transmission Works (OFTW) Marine Licence issued to Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited (BOWL). The overall aim of the PEMP is to outline and define the approach BOWL will take with respect to the environmental monitoring of each environmental receptor listed in the above S36 Consent and OFTW Marine Licence conditions issued to BOWL.

The PEMP is also designed to provide guidance to those involved in the Development, on the monitoring of potential environmental impacts associated with the construction, operation and post-construction phases of the Wind Farm and OFTW.

The consent conditions require the PEMP to cover pre-construction, construction (as appropriate) and post-construction monitoring surveys as relevant for a number of environmental receptors. Some of these receptors are covered by other consent conditions specifically requiring pre- and post-constructions surveys. Where this is the case the PEMP clearly sets out the related consent conditions, the relevant consultation and the current discharge status of these conditions.

BOWL considers that the PEMP as submitted satisfies the requirements of S36 Condition 27 and OFTW Marine Licence Condition 3.2.1.1, provided it is implemented as approved. BOWL would be grateful if MS-LOT on behalf of Scottish ministers would confirm in writing, following consultation, their agreement and approval of the enclosed PEMP and that the pre-construction elements of the monitoring requirements of S36 Condition 27 and OFTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1 as set out below and detailed in the PEMP are discharged. BOWL

also requests that MS-LOT confirms that the construction and post-construction elements of these consent conditions do not apply to the specific receptors, where relevant, as set out below and as detailed in the PEMP.

Confirmation of consent discharge sought from MS-LOT on behalf of Scottish Ministers with issue of LF00005-PLN-179 BOWL Project Environmental Monitoring Programme.

Birds (PEMP Table 7.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of the *pre-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.1
- ii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.1 does not apply.
- iii. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of S36 condition 27.c

Cod (PEMP Table 8.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of the *pre-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.2

Herring (PEMP Table 9.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of the *pre-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.3
- ii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.3 does not apply.
- iii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *post-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.3 does not apply.

Sandeels (PEMP Table 10.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of the *pre-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.4
- ii. BOWL is seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.4 does not apply.

Diadromous fish (PEMP Table 11.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.5 does not apply.
- ii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *post-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.5 does not apply.
- iii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.1 does not apply.
- iv. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *post-construction* element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.1 does not apply.

Benthic Communities (PEMP Table 12.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of the *pre-construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.6
- ii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of S36 condition 27.a.6 does not apply.
- iii. BOWL are seeking confirmation that completion of the post-construction surveys as set out in the benthic post-construction strategy report (LF000005-REP-341) will discharge the *post-construction* element of Condition 27.a.6.
- iv. BOWL are seeking confirmation of the **discharge** of the *pre-construction* element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.2
- v. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *construction* element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.2 does not apply.
- vi. BOWL are seeking confirmation that the *post-construction* element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.2 does not apply

Marine Mammals (PEMP Table 14.1)

- i. BOWL are seeking confirmation that completion of the construction monitoring surveys as set out in the CMMMP (LF000005-REP-550) will discharge the *construction* element of Condition 27.b.

The PEMP is a living document and will be subject to consultation with MFRAG and it's subgroups and subject to review and update as set out under the terms of the relevant S36 and OfTW Marine Licence consent conditions. BOWL will seek further confirmation of discharge of the remaining consent condition requirements as required and through issue of PEMP updates to MS-LOT.

Yours sincerely,


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