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Dear Mr Wilson,

CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED) AND A MARINE LICENCE UNDER PART 4 OF THE MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 AND MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE BEATRICE OFFSHORE WIND FARM AND TRANSMISSION WORKS, OUTER MORAY FIRTH.

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29th June 2016 requesting that Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) give their written approval to the revised Project Environmental Monitoring Programme (“PEMP”) (Revision 1.1, issued 29/06/2016). Acceptance of the PEMP will satisfy the requirements of condition 27 of the Section 36 Consent and the requirements of condition 3.2.1.1 of the Offshore Transmission Works (“OfTW”) Marine Licence (licence number: 04461/16/0).

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have consulted with Scottish Natural Heritage, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland, the Whale and Dolphin Conservation and Marine Scotland Science. The Association of Salmon Fishery Boards were also consulted but did not provide a response to the consultation.

MS-LOT, following consultation as described above, can confirm that, subject to it being fully implemented, the submitted PEMP fulfils the requirements of, and is sufficient to discharge, condition 27 of the Section 36 Consent and condition 3.2.1.1 of the OfTW Marine Licence (licence number: 04461/16/0) in what concerns the following receptors as detailed below:

Birds (PEMP Table 7.1)

- i. the pre-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.1 is discharged
- ii. the construction element of S36 condition 27.a.1 does not apply
- iii. S36 condition 27.c is partially discharged, in what concerns the regional bird monitoring

Cod (PEMP Table 8.1)

- i. the pre-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.2 is discharged

Herring (PEMP Table 9.1)

- i. the pre-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.3 is discharged
- ii. the construction element of S36 condition 27.a.3 does not apply
- iii. the post-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.3 does not apply

Sandeels (PEMP Table 10.1)

- i. the pre-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.4 is discharged
- ii. the construction element of S36 condition 27.a.4 does not apply

Diadromous fish (PEMP Table 11.1)

- i. the construction element of S36 condition 27.a.5 does not apply
- ii. the post-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.5 does not apply
- iii. the construction element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.1 does not apply
- iv. 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. the pre-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.6 is discharged
- ii. the construction element of S36 condition 27.a.6 does not apply
- iii. the completion of the post-construction surveys as set out in the '*Benthic post-construction Monitoring Strategy*' (reference LF000005-REP-341, revision 3, issued 15/12/2015) will discharge the post-construction element of S36 condition 27.a.6
- iv. the pre-construction element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.2 is discharged
- v. the construction element of OfTW Marine Licence condition 3.2.1.1.a.2 does not apply
- vi. 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. the completion of the construction monitoring surveys as set out in the Construction Marine Mammal Monitoring Programme ("CMMMP") '*A strategic regional Marine Mammal Monitoring Programme for assessing the population consequences of constructing the BOWL and MORL Wind Farm Developments*' (reference LF000005-REP-550, revision 7, issued 08/02/2016) will discharge the construction element of S36 condition 27.b

Further updates to this PEMP will need to be submitted to and approved by the Scottish Ministers, in order to fulfill the remaining requirements of condition 27 of the Section 36 Consent and condition 3.2.1.1 of the OfTW Marine Licence.

Any updates or amendments made to this PEMP by the Company, must be submitted in writing by the Company to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval.

The PEMP is a live document and will be regularly reviewed by the Scottish Ministers, in consultation with the Moray Firth Regional Advisory Group ("MFRAG"), to identify the appropriateness of on-going monitoring. Following such reviews, the Scottish Ministers may, in consultation with the MFRAG, require the Company to amend the PEMP and submit such an amended PEMP, in writing, to the Scottish Ministers, for their written approval. Such approval may only be granted following consultation with the MFRAG and any other ecological, or such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. The PEMP, as amended from time to time, must be fully implemented by the Company at all times.

The Company must submit written reports of such monitoring surveys to the Scottish Ministers at timescales to be determined by the Scottish Ministers in consultation with the MFRAG. Subject to any legal restrictions regarding the treatment of the information, the results are to be made publicly available by the Scottish Ministers, or by such other party appointed at their discretion.

Yours sincerely,

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