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Dear Sir/Madam

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

- **The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000**
- **The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990**

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

- **The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007**

REQUEST FOR SCOPING OPINION FOR SECTION 36 APPLICATION AND MARINE LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSED NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited (NnGOWL) is promoting the development of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm (referred to as 'the Project'). The Project is a proposed offshore wind farm located to the northeast of the Firth of Forth, 15.5km east of Fife Ness. It will comprise an offshore array of up to 56 wind turbines, subsea inter-array cables, offshore substation platforms (OSPs) and subsea export cables connecting the OSPs to the onshore landfall.

In 2012 NnGOWL applied for Section 36 consent and Marine Licences for the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm which were subsequently granted by Scottish Ministers in October 2014 (referred to as the 'Originally Consented Project'). The decision by the Scottish Ministers was challenged by Judicial Review (JR). The JR decision has been appealed by the Scottish Ministers and NnGOWL and the outcome of that appeal is expected imminently.

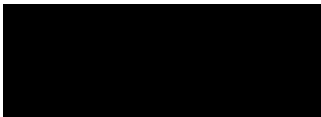
The applications to which this request relates are being pursued in parallel with the ongoing Judicial Review process for the Originally Consented Project and reflect changes that take advantage of new developments in relation to offshore wind technology, whilst at the same time being likely (because of the reduced scale and scope of the Project) to lead to a reduction in the associated potential environmental impacts (when compared to the Originally Consented Project). It is NnGOWL's intention to construct the Originally Consented Project or the Project, but not both.



Please treat this letter together with the enclosed Scoping Report as a request for a Scoping Opinion in accordance with Regulation 7 of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and Regulation 13 and Schedule 4 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 for the above proposal.

If you require any further information or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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