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Dear Ms Villoria,

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

MARINE LICENCE 04309/16/1;

Condition 3.2.1.8, Noise Registry, Condition 3.2.2.7, Noise registry.

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9th of October 2017 requesting that Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") confirms that as no piling activities will take place at the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre (EOWDC), Aberdeen Offshore Windfarm Limited ("AOWFL") will no longer need to provide evidence of compliance with, nor discharge Conditions 3.2.1.8 and 3.2.2.7 of the Marine Licence (04309/16/1).

Conditions 3.2.1.8 and 3.2.2.7 state:

3.2.1.8 Noise Registry

The Licensee must, in the event that pile foundations are to be used, submit a noise reduction form (Marine Scotland Application Noise Details (Form 1)) to the Licensing Authority and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee ("JNCC") stating the proposed date(s), location(s) and nature of the piling activities under authority of this licence.

3.2.2.7 Noise registry

The Licensee must, in the event that pile foundations are to be used, and piling is to be carried out for a prolonged period of time, at quarterly intervals, submit a noise reduction form (Marine Scotland Closeout Pulseblock days (Wind Farm)) to the Licensing Authority and the JNCC stating the date(s), location(s) and nature of such activities under authority of this licence.

In your correspondence, you have stated that *'As no piling work will be carried out, at any stage of the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre (EOWDC), and suction bucket foundations are to be deployed AOWFL considers that these two conditions are no longer relevant...'*

MS-LOT, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, have considered your proposal are content that as AOWFL have confirmed in the submitted information that no pile foundations will be used, Conditions 3.2.1.8 and 3.2.2.7 of this Marine Licence (04309/16/1) are no longer required to be discharged.

Please let me state, for the avoidance of doubt that this does not abrogate your responsibilities under the European Protected Species ("EPS") Construction Licence in respect of the noise registry.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Bain
Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team