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30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Ms Sleightholme,

**VARIATION OF THE MARINE LICENCE NUMBER 04309/16/0 GRANTED TO ABERDEEN OFFSHORE WIND FARM LIMITED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014 AND VARIED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2016, TO ALIGN THE DURATION OF THE MARINE LICENCE WITH THE DURATION OF THE SECTION 36 CONSENT**

It has come to our attention that there is a discrepancy between the duration of the Marine Licence (licence number: 04309/16/0) issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and varied on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, and the duration of the Section 36 Consent granted on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited ("AOWFL") to construct and operate the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre ("EOWDC").

Condition 1 of the Section 36 Consent states the following:

- 1. The consent is for a period from the date the consent is granted until the date occurring 22 years after the Final Commissioning of the Development. Written confirmation of the date of the Final Commissioning of the Development must be provided by the Company to the Scottish Ministers, Planning Authorities and SNH no later than one calendar month after the Final Commissioning of the Development.*

**Reason: To define the duration of the consent.**

Marine Licence number 04309/16/0 states the following:

*This licence remains in force from **03 May 2016** until **31 December 2035** or until the authorised scheme has been decommissioned in accordance with an approved decommissioning programme.*

The section 36 consent is for a period of 22 years from the date of Final Commissioning of the Development. The Company's estimated Final Commissioning date is sometime in 2018 which means the consent could be in place until some point in 2040. To align the marine licence duration with this timeframe, the end date of the licence requires to be varied.

As such, we have varied Marine Licence number 04309/16/0 and aligned the duration of the Marine Licence with the duration of the Section 36 Consent.

Marine Licence number 04309/16/1 now states the following:

*This licence remains in force from **30 September 2016** until **31 December 2040** or until the authorised scheme has been decommissioned in accordance with an approved decommissioning programme.*

Please find enclosed Marine Licence number 04309/16/1.

Yours sincerely

James McKie

Marine Scotland, Licensing Operations Team Leader