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Dear Tom,

Inch Cape Offshore Limited (“ICOL”) requested a scoping opinion from Marine Scotland (on behalf of Scottish Ministers) on the 28th April 2017 for the Inch Cape Wind Farm and Transmission Works. The scoping opinion was issued as follows:

- Main scoping opinion - 28th July 2017
- Scoping opinion – addendum – marine mammals - 2nd August 2017
- Scoping opinion – addendum – ornithology - 10th August 2017

The scoping opinion was issued under the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 EIA Regulations”).

The 2017 EIA Regulations require that the EIA Report prepared in support of an application must be based on the scoping opinion. The EIA Regulations also require that the Scottish Ministers when making its decision on an application gives a reasoned conclusion which is up to date considering current knowledge and methods of assessment. Therefore the scoping opinion issued to ICOL stated that the scoping opinion had a shelf life of 12 months and that if an application was not received within 12 months then ICOL must contact Scottish Ministers to determine whether the scoping opinion requires updating.

ICOL contacted Marine Scotland on 7th August 2018 requesting confirmation that the scoping opinion would remain valid considering the slight delay with the application.

Following the issue of the scoping opinion ICOL have had continued engagement with Marine Scotland and key consultees, including workshops, meetings and regular teleconferences to discuss the application and assessment methods. ICOL have also recently completed the gate check review process. Therefore I confirm that the scoping opinion issued (along with subsequent clarifications) remains valid and does not require updating at this time. Please contact me again if the application is not submitted by the 10th October 2018 so that this position can be reviewed.

Yours sincerely

Gayle Holland
A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers