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**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

*The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)*

*The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990*

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

*The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment)(Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)*

**MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009**

*The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)*

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTING PROTOCOL (“MARP”) AND WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION (“WSI”) FOR THE MORAY EAST OFFSHORE WINDFARM – ALTERNATIVE DESIGN, MORAY FIRTH**

Thank you for your letter of 25 April seeking our comments on the above.

We have considered the information contained in the submitted Marine Archaeological Reporting Protocol, Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries and Written Scheme of Investigation for archaeological works relating to the Moray East Offshore Windfarm.

We can confirm that all documents follow accepted guidelines and standards and are what we would expect in such a case. We can therefore advise that we consider them to be acceptable.

However, we note that there are a number of references in the documents to consulting Historic Environment Scotland (HES) if unexpected discoveries or issues arise (e.g. sections 3.2.2.1; 4.2.1; 4.2.3; and 4.4.1.1 of the MARP/ WSI). We are uncertain whether HES should be consulted directly in such cases or whether Marine Scotland should be the first point of contact, as the regulatory body. We therefore seek clarification from Marine Scotland on this matter. It would also be helpful to inform the applicant accordingly.

I hope the above comments are of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you wish to discuss any of the above points with HES.

Yours sincerely

**Historic Environment Scotland**