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Subject: RE: Request for short-term extension of Dredging Licence 05964/18/0

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The Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) Report produced in April 2016 to support the marine licence application for dredging and disposal associated with the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project has been reviewed to assess its suitability to accompany the variation application to change the existing marine licence to extend the duration of the dredging and disposal activity.

As the overall volume, methods and material types are unchanged from the existing Marine Licence, the content and conclusion of the BPEO Assessment has not changed as a result of the proposal to extend the duration of the dredging and disposal activity

Based on the below analysis of dredging and disposal duration, we would have dredged for a total of **11.5** months by September 2019. This shows that after September 2019, there would still be **7.5** months left from the 19 months considered in the ES;

2017 : 11th September to 25th September 2017(14days/ 0.5 month)

2018: 6th May 2018 to 4th December 2018 (212 days/ approx. 7 months)

2019: 1st June 2019 to 30th September 2019(121 days/approx. 4 months)

The amount of material (in wet tonnes and m³) that we anticipate to dredge during the extension, i.e. after end of September 2019 is approximately **690,056m³ and 1481550.232 tonnes**

Best regards,

[Redacted]



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Before we can process the extension request, I would like to ask you to review your dredging BPEO to ensure the information and assessment criteria are still valid.

You have confirmed today that 10.5 months of dredging has already taken place and you will be able to finish the dredging within the allowed 19 months. Could you confirm the amount of material (in wet tonnes and m3) you anticipate to dredge during the extension, ie. after end of September 2019?

Best wishes

[Redacted]

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As discussed on the phone yesterday we are concerned about the impact on the construction programme if the Dredging Licence expires before the new licence applications are determined. The Dredging Licence expires on 30th September 2019 and our marine licence application requests a year's extension to 30th September 2020. This is primarily to allow the dredging of rock that will be ripped or blasted under the existing (and proposed new) Construction Licence, although some smaller-scale dredging of soft sediments may be required after 30th September 2019 to achieve the required depths within the harbour. As you know, the main reason for the revised applications is the delays to the blasting programme in 2018.

We're updating the marine licence applications that were submitted on 23rd May 2019 to address the comments received from yourself and SNH. This requires some of the technical assessments within the EIAR to be revised, which takes time. We're nearing the end of that process and hope to submit the revised applications as soon as possible.

We're concerned that the new licences will not be determined/granted before the Dredging Licence expires on 30th September. Could we, therefore, request that MS-LOT considers granting an extension to the Dredging Licence of 5 months to allow the existing dredging activity to continue in the event that the application is still under consideration? Dredging and disposal would continue to be undertaken in accordance with the existing Licence and approved CEMD. If dredging cannot continue after 30th September, we risk missing a crucial weather window before the winter season starts.

I would be grateful if you could consider this request and confirm whether it's acceptable. If you require any other information please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please note that [Redacted] is on leave and will return 19/07/2019, I will also be on annual leave between 15/07/2019 – 22/07/2019. Therefore could you please send any correspondence during this time to [Redacted]

Many thanks and Kind Regards

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