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THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 AND THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

SEAGREEN PROJECT SECTION 36C VARIATION APPLICATION

With this letter and attached Seagreen S36C Application Environmental Appraisal Report, Seagreen Wind Energy Limited (SWEL) are writing to make a formal application to vary the existing Seagreen Alpha and Bravo section 36 consents under section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended).

The proposed amendments included in the variation are:

- A shift of commencement for constructing the Seagreen 1A infrastructure within a construction window to between January 2029 and December 2032.

The variation to the Existing Consents is sought due to an updated construction programme of Seagreen 1A. Accordingly, SWEL is proposing to vary condition 2 of the consents, part of which reads as *"The Commencement of the Development must be a date no later than 5 years from the date the consent is granted, or such later date from the date of the granting of this consent as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing. The Commencement of Phase 1A of the Development must be a date no later than 3 years from the Commissioning of the First WTG, or such later date from the date of the Commissioning of the First WTG as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing."*

Due to an updated construction programme of Seagreen 1A, SWEL are requesting Condition 2 of the Seagreen Alpha and Bravo Section 36 consents are amended as follows: *"The Commencement of the Development must be a date no later than 5 years from the date the consent is granted, or such later date from the date of the granting of this consent as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing. The Commencement of Phase 1A of the Development must be a date no later than **9 years 8 months** from the Commissioning of the First WTG, or such later date from the date of the Commissioning of the First WTG as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter direct in writing. "*

For the purposes of this document, these proposed wording changes are referred to as 'the Variation'.

Background

As part of the Variation request SWEL issued a Section 36C Application Screening Report on 07 October 2025 to request a formal Screening Opinion from Scottish Ministers as to whether or not the Variation to the Section 36 Consent outlined above comprised an EIA development. The Screening



report presented a detailed assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the Variation compared to the project design envelope previously assessed and originally consented in 2014. Based on the technical assessments provided in the Screening Report, SWEL concluded that the Variation will not give rise to any likely significant adverse environmental effects, alone or in combination with other projects, compared to the consented Seagreen Project and that as such, the Variation application does not require an EIA under the Electricity Works EIA Regulations or the Marine Works EIA Regulations and that the Variation should be screened out of the requirement for EIA.

A Screening Opinion under the Electricity Works EIA Regulations 2017 and Marine Works EIA Regulations 2017 was made by Scottish Ministers on 4 December 2025. This concluded that the Variation to the Seagreen Alpha and Bravo Section 36 Consent does not comprise an EIA development under the Electricity Works EIA Regulations or the Marine Works EIA Regulations and therefore an EIA is not required to be carried out in respect of the Variation.

Although the proposed consent variation does not comprise EIA development, SWEL has produced the accompanying Seagreen Section 36C Application Environmental Appraisal Report (LF000009-CST-OF-LIC-REP-0018) to support the application to vary the Section 36 Consent. This report describes the Seagreen project as consented, including a map of the proposed development location, details the proposed changes to the Section 36 Consent and provides a rationale for the proposed changes. The report also presents relevant environmental information to support the variation application based on information provided in the Seagreen Section 36C Application Screening Report and any additional information required in response to the screening process.

In accordance with Regulation 3 of The Electricity Generating Stations (Application for Variation of Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, the Section 36C Application Environmental Appraisal Report also includes draft wording for the variation that Seagreen propose is made to the Section 36 Consent and an updated Habitats Regulations Appraisal within the Seagreen Screening Report – Appendix A updated HRA (LF000009- CST-OF-LIC-REP-0019).

I would be grateful if you can review the contents of this letter and accompanying report and revert in due course to confirm acceptance of the application.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of
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