

Marine Scotland Licencing Operations Team PO Box 101 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB



13<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Dear Sir / Madam

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 36 CONSENT UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 86MW MEYGEN TIDAL ENERGY PROJECT, PHASE 1; AND MARINE LICENCE UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND DEPOSIT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 86MW MEYGEN TIDAL ENERGY PROJECT, PHASE 1.

#### The Applicant

MeyGen Ltd ("MeyGen") is a Scottish registered company created in 2010 for the purpose of developing, the MeyGen tidal stream energy project located in the Inner Sound, Pentland Firth.

MeyGen hereby submits an application ("the Application") for Section 36 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and for a Marine Licence under Section 25 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

#### The Project

The Application is for the construction and operation of the proposed MeyGen tidal stream energy project, Phase 1 ("the Project"). The Project will comprise of a maximum of 86 fully submerged tidal turbines, associated infrastructure, with the aggregate installed capacity of 86MW. This application seeks to consent three electrically separate generating stations, each generating station consisting of a number of turbines, offshore cables to shore, a Power Conversion Unit Building onshore and a dedicated export cable to the grid.

The Project is located in the deep water channel of the Inner Sound, Pentland Firth between the north Caithness coast and the island of Stroma. The Project is within the Scottish inshore region of UK waters.

The turbines will comprise of a rotor and nacelle and will be supported by a Turbine Support Structure. Each turbine will have its own dedicated electricity export cable to shore.

The Project will require onshore infrastructure, including a Power Conversion Centre and export cables to a grid connection, however these are outwith the scope of the Application and will applied for under Section 28 of the Town and Country (Scotland) Act 1997 with The Highland Council.

### Documentation Enclosed and Application Fee

3 copies of the following documents are enclosed:

- 1. Marine Licence Application Form
- 2. Offshore Plans

- a. Admiralty Chart with Project location
- b. Admiralty Chart with Project location and designated sites
- c. 1:10,000 Ordinance Survey map with Project location and designated sites
- 3. Environmental Statement and supporting documents CD
- 4. Non-Technical Summary
- 5. Habitat Regulations Appraisal Report
- 6. Planning Statement
- 7. Pre-Consultation Report
- 8. Newspaper Application Advert

A further copy is supplied on CD. MeyGen grant Marine Scotland Licencing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") permission to create more copies if required.

The below fees will be invoiced by MS-LOT to MeyGen Ltd. following this submission:

- £31,020 for the Marine Licence application; and
- £15,000 for the Section 36 application.

## Pre-application Consultation

MeyGen (in a letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011) confirmed with MS-LOT (response by email dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011) that there is no requirement under Section 23 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 to serve a 12 week notice to MS-LOT for the proposed Project or pre-application consultation.

MeyGen, in relation to the onshore planning application, has conducted statutory pre-application consultation on the Project and as such has included the Pre-Consultation Report as part of the Application for completeness.

#### Other Consent

The Planning Statement, included in the Application, documents the other consent applications (including onshore planning application under Section 28 of the Town and Country (Scotland) Act 1997 with The Highland Council) that MeyGen will be seeking for the Project.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course in relation to the acceptance of the Application, for what we hope marks the first of many significant steps forward towards the commercialisation of tidal stream energy in the Pentland Firth. If you have any queries please get in contact on the details below.

# **Public Notices and Viewings**

The Environmental Statement will be made available for public viewing at the following locations

- 1. John o' Groats Post Office, John o' Groats, Wick, Caithness KW1 4YR
- 2. Thurso Library, Davidson's Lane, Thurso, Caithness KW14 7AF
- 3. Scottish Government Library, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Public notices will be placed in the following publications:

- 1. 27st July 2012 The John o' Groat's Journal
- 2. 27st July 2012 The Edinburgh Gazette
- 3. 27st July 2012 The Herald
- 4. 3rd August 2012 The John o' Groat's Journal
- 5. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012 The Edinburgh Gazette
- 6. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012 The Herald

The public notices state the deadline for representations to be made to MS-LOT by no later than the Friday  $7^{th}$  September 2012.

Yours faithfully

for and on behalf of MeyGen Limited



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