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Dear Redacted ,

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended).**

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 & MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended); The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended)**

**Proposal: Consultation regarding compliance with the requirements of condition 25 of the Section 36 consents (as varied) and condition 3.2.2.11 of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure and Additional Offshore Substation Platforms Marine Licences (Licence Numbers 05340/14/0 and 06347/17/1) awarded to Telford Windfarm Limited, Stevenson Windfarm Limited and MacColl Windfarm Limited (“the Licensees”) under the above legislation, concerning the submission of a Traffic and Transportation Plan (“TTP”).**

**Address: Moray East Offshore Wind Farm.**

Thank you for your consultation on the above proposal, dated and received 13 November 2018.

Having considered, assessed and consulted relevant colleagues on the submitted Traffic and Transportation Plan (TTP) as well as the associated covering letter, I can advise that the content of the submission does not give rise to any concerns from a local roads or wider transportation perspective. In this regard, I can confirm that the submitted TTP is considered to be fit for purpose.

I trust the above response has addressed your enquiry. In the event that you wish to discuss any matters relating to this issue please contact the case officer on the number at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Sirs,

## **ELECTRICITY ACT 1989**

### **THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)**

### **MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 & MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING MORAY EAST - TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

With reference to your recent correspondence on the above development, we acknowledge receipt of the Traffic and Transportation Plan (TTP) prepared by Royal HaskoningDHV in support of the above development.

This information has been passed to SYSTRA Limited for review in their capacity as Term Consultants to Transport Scotland – Roads Directorate. Based on the review undertaken, we would provide the following comments.

#### **Proposed Development**

The Proposed Development comprises three sites - Telford, Stevenson and MacColl wind farms, collectively known as Moray East and owned by Moray Offshore Windfarm (East) Limited. The three sites are located in the Smith Bank in the Outer Moray Firth, approximately 22 km from the Caithness coast. The nearest Trunk Road to the site is the A9(T) between Helmsdale and Lybster.

A Section 36 and Marine Licence application for the three sites was submitted in 2012, supported by an Environmental Statement (2012 ES) which Transport Scotland provided comment on (under cover of a JMP Consultants letter dated 12 September 2012). In March 2014, the three wind farms were granted consent and Marine Licences were issued for each in September 2014. Transport Scotland has been consulted and has responded on several variations since consent was granted, with our most recent response letter being 15 January 2018. In this, it was stated that while we were satisfied that there would not be any adverse environmental impact on the trunk road network associated with the construction of the off-shore wind farm, if any abnormal loads were required to be transported by road, these should be assessed appropriately.

## Traffic and Transportation Plan

The TTP has been prepared to allow the discharge of the relevant conditions associated with the Section 36 Consents and Offshore Transmission Infrastructure Licences. We note that this provides an overview of the traffic and transport arrangements for the construction stage of the project and the traffic levels that will be utilising the road network. Any components identified to be transported by sea are not covered by the document. The components to be delivered by sea are:

- Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs);
- WTG foundation (piles) and substructures (jackets);
- Inter-array cables and OSP interconnector cables;
- Export cables; and
- Offshore Substation Platforms (OSPs).

It is clear from the above list that the components which constitute abnormal loads have been identified for delivery by sea, and not via the trunk road network. We therefore do not require any further information in relation to abnormal loads.

We also note that the conclusions of the TTP are that while construction of the proposed development will result in an increase in HGV traffic on the surrounding road network and ports, the percentage increases over the baseline traffic are substantially below the Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment threshold of a 10% increase.

Consequently, Transport Scotland is satisfied that the TTP demonstrates that construction of the proposed development will not significantly impact upon the trunk road network.

I trust that the above is satisfactory and should you wish to discuss any issues raised in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact **Redacted** at SYSTRA's Glasgow Office on **Redacted**

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