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Dear Sir

Telford Offshore Windfarm Limited
Stevenson Offshore Windfarm Limited
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Section 36 Consents: Condition 2

I write on behalf of Telford Offshore Windfarm Limited, Stevenson Offshore Windfarm Limited and MacColl Offshore Windfarm Limited (together the Wind Farm Companies) which were each awarded a Section 36 consent on 19 March 2014.

Condition 2 in each of the consents is set out in the same terms 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."

Due to the timetabling of future auctions for Contracts for Difference (CfD) it is considered that "Commencement of Development" in terms of each of these consents should be delayed beyond the 5 years set out in in Condition 2. The UK Government's announcement on 9 November that they will hold the next CfD auction in April 2017 also confirmed that eligible projects will compete for an annual budget of £290m for the delivery years 2021/22 and 2022/23. The award of a CfD enables the Wind Farm Companies to reach project definition for the project awarded the CfD which allows work to support the discharge of consent conditions to be progressed. Accordingly, the Wind Farm Companies are currently unable to implement the Section 36 consents in terms of Condition 2. The Wind Farm Companies wish to ensure that in the event of being awarded a CfD that the Section 36 consents remain capable of implementation within an efficient construction programme.

The construction scenarios, assessments and assessment assumptions set out in the Environmental Statement submitted with the Wind Farm Companies' Section 36 applications in 2012 have been reviewed and it has been concluded that they are not altered or invalidated by extending Commencement of Development by a further two years.



In light of the foregoing, on behalf of each of the Wind Farm Companies, I request that the Scottish Ministers direct that Commencement of Development under Condition 2 in each of the Section 36 consents must be a date no later than 7 years from the date the consent is granted.

Should you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Head of Development