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Dear John,

**Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm Section 36 and Marine Licences Application: Provision of Additional Information**  
**Ref: GBPNTD-ENV-PEN-CM-00005**

Further to the request from MS-LOT by email on 9 December 2022, Highland Wind Limited (HWL) (the Applicant) hereby submits an Addendum of Additional Information to support its application for consent to develop the Pentland Floating Offshore Wind Farm (PFOWF).

On 9 August 2022, HWL submitted the following applications for the Offshore Development (comprising the PFOWF Array Area and Offshore Export Cables) for the PFOWF to MS-LOT:

- > An application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station; and
- > Two Marine Licence applications under part 4 (Section 20) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 for the deposit of substances and objects and the construction, alteration, or improvement of works within the Scottish Marine Area in relation to the PFOWF. One Marine Licence application is made for the Offshore Wind Farm and one Marine Licence application is made for the associated Offshore Transmission Works.

The consent applications for the Offshore Development were supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report (EIAR) and a Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) prepared in accordance with the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

The Applicant has received a number of representations on the applications from statutory consultees and other stakeholders with an interest in the proposed Offshore Development. NatureScot, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency have requested some further detail and clarification on the information contained within the EIAR.

This Additional Information, as defined in the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017, is provided in the form of an Addendum of Additional Information to the EIAR submitted in support of the consent applications made in August 2022.

The Addendum of Additional Information provides clarification and information as requested by consultees. The additional information provided relates to the assessment of ornithological receptors, marine physical processes and water and sediment quality only, and all information provided in relation to the project parameters and all other environmental topic assessments remain as per the information provided in the EIAR and RIAA for the consent applications submitted in August 2022. Importantly, the clarifications and further detail provided within the Addendum of Additional Information does not change the outcome of any of the assessments completed within the EIAR and the conclusions of all the assessments remain the same.

The further information and clarifications contained within the Addendum of Additional Information has been provided directly to the consultees following receipt of their representations on the EIAR and has been collated

in the attached document. This information has also been shared with MS-LOT both directly and through a Gap Analysis Spreadsheet.

As agreed with MS-LOT, the Applicant has now placed adverts regarding the publication of this Addendum of Additional Information, to be published on 23 December 2022, in the following publications:

- > John O' Groats Journal
- > Edinburgh Gazette

In addition, the information will be advertised on the PFOWF website ([www.pentlandfloatingwind.com](http://www.pentlandfloatingwind.com)).

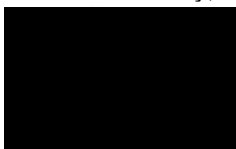
Copies of the Addendum of Additional Information will be available for inspection, free of charge during normal office/opening hours at:

- > Thurso Library, Davidson's Lane, Thurso KW14 7AF
- > Orkney Library, 44 Junction Road, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1AG

Electronic copies of the Addendum of Additional Information will be made available for download on the PFOWF website or through contacting the project team via email ([pentland-stakeholder@cop.dk](mailto:pentland-stakeholder@cop.dk)).

We look forward to receiving your formal acceptance of the Addendum of Additional Information.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Moore  
**Highland Wind Limited**

