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Dear Dr Fleming and Dr Buchan,

SCREENING OPINION UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

Thank you for your screening opinion request dated 01 July 2020 in regards to the proposed 'Expansion of Hatston Pier and Harbour', including dredging, land reclamation and construction of an extension to the existing pier, which will in itself be capable of taking vessels of over 1,350 tonnes, at Hatston Pier and Harbour, Orkney Islands ("the Proposed Works").

The Scottish Ministers consider the Proposed Works to fall under paragraph 21 of schedule 1 of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended). Consequently, it is the Scottish Ministers' opinion that the Proposed Works are an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") project and therefore an EIA is required to be carried out in respect of the Proposed Works.

If you increase, alter or extend the Proposed Works, you are advised to contact Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team again to confirm if the screening opinion is still valid.

A copy of the screening opinion has been forwarded to Orkney Islands Council planning department. The screening opinion has also been made publicly available through the <u>Marine</u> <u>Scotland Information</u> website.

If you require any further assistance or advice on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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