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Dear Gavin,

**THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2017**

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

**DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE REGULATORY  
APPROVAL**

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE INCH CAPE OFFSHORE WINDFARM  
TRANSMISSION WORKS, FIRTH OF FORTH**

**1. Description of the Application**

- 1.1 On 17 June 2019 (varied on 22 August 2023 and 9 November 2023), the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Inch Cape Offshore Limited (“ICOL”) (Company Number SC373173), having its registered office at 5th Floor, 40 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2BY (“the Company”) an Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (“OFTI”) marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 relative to the above works (“the OFTI marine licence”). Condition 3.2.2.7 of the OFTI marine licence requires the Company to submit a Piling Strategy (“PS”) for approval by Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 31 October 2024 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the PS for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval in accordance with condition 3.2.2.7 of the OFTI marine licence.

**2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based**

- 2.1 Following consultation with NatureScot, Fisheries Management Scotland and Whale and Dolphin Conservation, no amendments to the PS were made.
- 2.2 The information contained with the PS is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (“EIA Report”) in respect of the marine licence.

2.3 The Company was not required to submit additional information under regulation 27 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 in relation to the application for multi-stage regulatory approval.

### **3. Determination and Terms of Decision**

3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the PS as submitted on 31 October 2024 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto.

3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the PS, the company must submit, in writing, details of the proposed updates or amendments to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval prior to the planned implementation of the proposed updates or amendments. It is not permissible for any works associated with the proposed updates or amendments to proceed prior to the granting of such approval. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the PS.

3.3 This decision notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: [Inch Cape Offshore Windfarm \(Revised Design\) | marine.gov.scot](#)

3.4 A copy of this decision notice has also been sent to the relevant planning authority/authorities.

Authorised on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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