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Dear Ms Rei

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

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

**MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009  
DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE REGULATORY  
APPROVAL**

**CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WIND FARM  
AND ASSOCIATED OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE,  
APPROXIMATELY 22.5KM SOUTHEAST FROM THE CAITHNESS COASTLINE**

**1. Description of the Application**

- 1.1 On 14 June 2019 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited (Company Number 10515140), having its registered office previously at Condor House, 10 St. Paul's Churchyard, London and now at Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP Octagon Point, 5 Cheapside, London, England, ("the Company") a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the construction of the Offshore Transmission Infrastructure ("OfTI") relative to the above works. The marine licence was subsequently varied by the Scottish Ministers on 11 April 2022 ("the OfTI marine licence"). Condition 3.2.2.15 of the OfTI marine licence requires the Company to submit an Export Cable Plan ("ECP") for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 17 May 2022 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the ECP for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval in accordance with condition 3.2.2.15 of the OfTI marine licence.

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

- 2.1 Following consultation with SEPA, NatureScot, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Mountaineering Scotland, Fordyce Sandend & District Community Council and the Scottish Fishermen's Federation an amended ECP was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 16 November 2022.
- 2.2 The information contained within the ECP is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("EIA Report") and additional information submitted in respect of the OfTI 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 ECP as submitted on 16 November 2022 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the ECP, 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 process prior to the granting of such approval.

Unless otherwise agreed, in writing by the Scottish Ministers, all works must proceed in accordance with the ECP .

- 3.3 This decision notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: <https://marine.gov.scot/ml/moray-west-offshore-windfarm>
- 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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