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Dear Mr Jameson,

**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 MORAY WEST OFFSHORE WINDFARM AND  
ASSOCIATED OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE MORAY FIRTH.**

**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 at Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP, Octagon Point, 5 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6AA (“the Company”) a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 for the construction of the offshore transmission infrastructure relative to the above works. This marine licence was subsequently varied by the Scottish Ministers on 13 April 2022 and again on 8 February 2024 (“the OfTI marine licence”). Condition 3.2.2.12 of the OfTI marine licence requires the Company to submit an Operation and Maintenance Programme (“OMP”) for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commissioning of the first offshore substation platform.
- 1.2 On 17 November 2023 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the OMP for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval in accordance with condition 3.2.2.12 of the OfTI marine licence.

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

- 2.1 Following consultation with NatureScot and Aberdeenshire Council an amended the OMP was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 30 May 2024 (Document Number 8460005-DBHA08-MWW-PLN-000002).

2.2 The information contained in the OMP 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.

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

3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve OfTI marine licence OMP (Document Number 8460005-DBHA08-MWW-PLN-000002) as submitted on 30 May 2024 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto.

3.2 In the event that the Company wishes to update or amend the OMP, 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 OMP.

3.3 This decision notice has been published on the Scottish Government’s website: [Moray West Offshore Windfarm | Marine Scotland Information](#)

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

Authorised on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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