MORAY OFFSHORE WINDFARM (WEST) LIMITED

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)

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

THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED)

THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT) REGULATIONS 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited ("Moray West"), registered under company registration SC10515140 at 14-18 City Road, Cardiff, CF24 3DL, has applied to the Scottish Ministers for:

- consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989;
- declaration under section 36A of the Electricity Act 1989;
- marine licences under section 20 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 65 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

to construct and operate an Offshore Wind Farm and Offshore Transmission Infrastructure at the Moray West Site, located on the Smith Bank in the Outer Moray Firth, approximately 22.5 km from the Caithness Coastline, with a total area of approximately 225 km² (central latitude and longitude co-ordinates: 58°5.827' N 3°0.417' W (WGS84)).

The proposed development is subject to an environmental impact assessment ("EIA") under the EIA regulations listed above.

The proposed generating station would comprise of up to 85 wind turbine generators *with a maximum blade tip height of 285 metres above Highest Astronomical Tide*.

Copies of the application, including a plan showing the location, together with a copy of the EIA report discussing Moray West's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

- The Highland Council, Planning Office, Glenurquart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX;
- The Highland Council, Caithness Planning Office, Market Square, Wick, KW1 4AB;
- Helmsdale Library and Service Point, Dunrobin Street, Helmsdale, KW8 6JX;
- Buckie Library, Cluny place, Buckie, AB56 1HB;
- Golspie Service Point, Olsen House, Main Street, Golspie, KW10 6RA;
- Brora Library, Gower Street, Brora, Highland, KW9 6PD;
- Moray Council, Elgin Planning Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX; and

• Aberdeenshire Council, Banff Planning Office, Winston House, 39 Castle Street, Banff, AB45 1DQ.

TheEIAreportcanalsobeviewedonlineathttp://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/scoping/MORLWestandhttp://www.morayoffshore.com/moray-west/document-library/.Copies of the EIA report mayalso be obtained from Moray West (tel: +44 (0) 131 556 7602) at a charge of £300 for a hardcopy (including post and packaging) and free of charge on CD or USB stick. Copies of ashort non-technical summary are available free of charge.

representations should be made in writing Any by email to: moraywest.representations@gov.scot or by post to The Scottish Government, Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB, identifying the proposed development and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than **Tuesday 21st August 2018**. The Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date. Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and the full return email or postal address of those making representation.

Subsequent submission of additional or further information by Moray West to the Scottish Ministers will be publicised in a similar manner to the current application, including publication on the above websites. Representations relative to additional or further information should be made on the same basis as detailed above.

Where the Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, the Scottish Ministers may cause a Public Local Inquiry ("PLI") to be held.

Having considered all of the applications and regulations detailed above, in conjunction with any representations received, the Scottish Ministers may:

- Consent to the proposed development, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposed development.

Fair Processing Notice

The Scottish Government's Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT") determine applications for marine licences under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the Marine and Coastal Act 2009 and section 36 consents under The Electricity Act 1989 (as amended). During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make a representation to MS-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application, the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals should the Scottish Ministers call a PLI and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

A full privacy notice can be found at:

<u>http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/PrivacyNotice</u>. If you are unable to access this, or you have any queries or concerns about how your personal information will be handled, contact MS-LOT at: <u>ms.marinerenewables@gov.scot</u> or Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.