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Dear Mr Gunn

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

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 (AS AMENDED)

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

**CONSTRUCTION, DREDGING AND DEPOSIT OF DREDGED SUBSTANCES OR
OBJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NIGG ENERGY PARK EAST QUAY (Per
ENVIROCENTRE) DEVELOPMENT AT NIGG ENERGY PARK, CROMARTY FIRTH**

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 21 July 2020 the Scottish Ministers, granted in favour of Global Energy Group having its registered office at Nigg Energy Park, Nigg, Ross-shire, IV19 1QU (“the Company”) a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (as amended) (“the 2010 Act”) relative to the above construction activities. The said marine licence was subsequently varied by Scottish Ministers on 14 December 2020 (“the construction marine licence”). Condition 3.2.7 of the construction marine licence requires the Company to submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan (“CEMP”) for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.
- 1.2 On 21 July 2020 the Scottish Ministers also granted in favour of the Company a marine licence under part 4 of the 2010 Act relative to the above dredging and deposit activities. The said marine licence was subsequently varied by Scottish Ministers on 14 December 2020 (“the dredging and deposit marine licence”). Condition 3.2.5 of the dredging and deposit marine licence requires the Company to submit a CEMP for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above licensed activities.

1.3 On 28 January 2021 the Company submitted to the Scottish Ministers the CEMP for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto in accordance with the aforementioned conditions of the construction marine licence and the dredging and deposit marine licence.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 Following consultation with NatureScot (operating name of Scottish Natural Heritage), Historic Environment Scotland, Cromarty Firth Port Authority and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, an amended CEMP was submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Company on 12 April 2021
- 2.2 The information contained with the CEMP is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted in respect of the construction marine licence and the dredging and deposit 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 (as amended) in relation to the application for multi-stage regulatory approval.

3. Determination and Terms of Decision

- 3.1 The Scottish Ministers, hereby approve the CEMP as submitted on 12 April 2021 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto.
- 3.2 All works must proceed in accordance with the approved CEMP. Any updates or amendments made to the CEMP must be submitted, in writing, to the licensing authority for its written approval no later than two months or at such a time as agreed with the licensing authority, prior to the planned implementation of the proposed amendments. It is not permissible for any works to commence prior to approval of the CEMP.
- 3.3 This Decision Notice has been published on the Scottish Government's website: <http://marine.gov.scot/ml/nigg-energy-park-east-quay>
- 3.4 A copy of this Decision Notice has also been sent to the relevant planning authority.

Authorised on behalf of the Scottish Ministers

By a member of staff of the Scottish Government

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