**NEART NA GAOITHE OFFSHORE WIND LIMITED**

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)**

**THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATIONS (APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION OF CONSENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

Notice is hereby given that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Limited,registered under company registration SC356223 at Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, EH3 8EX,has applied to the Scottish Ministers to vary the consent granted under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm located approximately 15.5 km East of Fife Ness with a total area of approximately 105 km2 (central latitude and longitude co-ordinates: 56° 16.061’ N, 2° 15.003’ W (WGS84)) consented on 3 December 2018.

The application, made under section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989, seeks to make the following variations: removal of references to transmission infrastructure (i.e. offshore substation platforms, interconnector cables and offshore export cables) from the Description of the Development in Annex 1 and from Conditions 12 and 22 of Annex 2 and amending the reference to maximum blade width in Annex 1 from 4.5 metres to 5.5 metres.

Information about the variation application is to be found at the following websites:

<http://marine.gov.scot/ml/neart-na-gaoithe-offshore-windfarm-revised-design>and [www.neartnagaoithe.com/](http://www.neartnagaoithe.com/)

The variation application and supporting environmental information are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

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Any representations should be made in writing by email to: neartnagaoithe.representations@gov.scotor by post to The Scottish Government, Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB, identifying the proposal and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than **14 February 2019**, although 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.

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

Following receipt of all views and representations, the Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

* Consent to the variation application, with or without conditions attached; or
* Reject the variation application.

If consent is granted for the variation application, the Scottish Ministers will consider exercising their discretion to vary the marine licence granted in respect of the offshore generating station on 3 December 2018 (Licence Number: 06677/18/0). The variation would revise descriptions in Paragraph 2.1 of the marine licence to reflect the changes proposed by the variation application. The Scottish Ministers would consider the variation of the marine licence in terms of section 30(3)(d) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 to ensure that the marine licence and consent granted under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 (as amended) are consistent. Any representations in relation to the proposed marine licence variation should be submitted to the Scottish Government’s Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (“MS-LOT”) in the same manner as described as above relative to representations in respect of the variation application and within the same timeframe.

Fair Processing Notice

MS-LOT processes applications under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and The Electricity Act 1989 (as amended). During the consultation process written representations can be sent to the Scottish Ministers.

Should the Scottish Ministers call a PLI copies of representations will be sent to the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals for the Reporter to consider during the inquiry. These representations will be posted on their website but will not publish your personal data (e.g. your name and address) as this is removed beforehand in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

You can choose to mark your representation as confidential, in which case it will only be considered by the Scottish Ministers and will not be shared with the planning authority, the applicant, the Reporter (should a PLI be called) or any other third party.

If you have any queries or concerns about how your personal data will be handled, contact MS-LOT by email at: ms.marinerenewables@gov.scot or by post to The Scottish Government, Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.