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17 July 2020

Dear Ms Royle,

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

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

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 (AS AMENDED)

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 (AS AMENDED)

DECISION NOTICE RELATIVE TO APPLICATION FOR MULTI-STAGE REGULATORY APPROVAL

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE OFFSHORE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE RELATIVE TO THE SEAGREEN ALPHA OFFSHORE WIND FARM AND THE SEAGREEN BRAVO OFFSHORE WIND FARM LOCATED IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH

1. Description of the Application

- 1.1 On 10 October 2014 the Scottish Ministers granted, in favour of Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited (Company Number 07185533) and Seagreen Bravo Wind Energy Limited (Company Number 07185543), both having its registered office previously at 55 Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire and both now at No. 1 Forbury Place, 43 Forbury Road, Reading (“the Companies”), jointly a marine licence under part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Marine and Coastal Access



Act 2009 relative to the above works. The said marine licence was subsequently varied by the Scottish Ministers on 6 March 2019 (“the marine licence”). Condition 3.2.2.5 of the marine licence requires the Companies to submit a Piling Strategy (“PS”) for approval by the Scottish Ministers prior to commencing the above works.

- 1.2 On 04 December 2019 the Companies submitted to the Scottish Ministers the PS for approval and applied for multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto in accordance with condition 3.2.2.5 of the marine licence.

2. Reasons and Considerations on which this decision is based

- 2.1 The Scottish Ministers consulted with Scottish Natural Heritage on the PS and also considered advice provided by Marine Scotland Science. An amended PS was subsequently submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Companies on 30 April 2020.
- 2.2 The information contained in the PS is within the parameters of what has already been assessed within the Environmental Statement, the Addendum and the Erratum submitted in respect of the marine licence.
- 2.3 The Companies were 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 PS as submitted on 30 April 2020 and grant multi-stage regulatory approval in relation thereto.
- 3.2 In the event that the Companies wish to update or amend the PS, the Companies 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 PS.

- 3.3 This Decision Notice has been published on the Scottish Government’s website: <http://marine.gov.scot/ml/seagreen-alpha-and-bravo-offshore-wind-farms>

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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