R100 SCOTTISH ISLES TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

THE MARINE LICENSING (PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

Notice is hereby given that British Telecommunication plc, plan to hold pre-application consultation events regarding proposed licensable marine activities within the Orkney section of the R100 Project for the installation of seven marine telecommunication cables between:

Eday (OS Grid Ref: 355401E, 1038029N) to Westray (OS Grid Ref: 350790E, 1040445N); Eday (OS Grid Ref: 356310E, 1034128N) to Sanday (OS Grid Ref: 360062E, 1035556N); Sanday (OS Grid Ref: 361023E, 1035523N) to Stronsay (OS Grid Ref: 362014E, 1029656N); Orkney Mainland (OS Grid Ref: 337152E, 1026405N) to Rousay (OS Grid Ref: 388196E, 1028948N);

Orkney Mainland (OS Grid Ref: 353337E, 1011076N) to Shapinsay (OS Grid Ref: 351987E, 1015762 N);

Hoy (OS Grid Ref: 332441 E, 993368 N) to Flotta (OS Grid Ref: 333850 E, 993993 N); and Flotta (OS Grid Ref: 337799 E, 994404 N) to South Ronaldsay (OS Grid Ref: 342876 E, 993790 N).

The marine elements of the R100 Project are to install sixteen telecommunication cables to extend superfast broadband (30Mbps+) coverage across Shetland, Orkney, and the Inner Hebrides. These new cables will form part of the Scottish Government's 'Reaching 100%' (R100) programme contracted to BT Plc. Further information can be obtained concerning the proposed submarine telecommunication cable installation at R100.subseacableproject.co.uk

Due to the current restrictions surrounding Covid 19, the cable pre-application consultation event will be held online by visiting the following link:

R100.subseacableproject.co.uk Date: 22/07/21 at 13:00.

Persons wishing to provide comments on the proposed installation of the submarine telecommunication cables can do so by writing to the prospective applicant via their appointed environmental consultants, no later than 1st September 2021.

By e-mail to: <u>stuart.mclaren@intertek.com</u>; or by post to: Intertek EWCS, Prospect Business Centre, Dundee Technology Park, Dundee DD2 1TY.

Comments should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and full return e-mail or postal address of those making comment. Comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. If British Telecom applies for marine licences to Scottish Ministers, an opportunity will be given for representations to be made to the Scottish Ministers on the applications.