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Our ref. 41954205
Your ref. MS EPS 31/2019/0 and MS BS 08/2019/0

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THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS, &c.) REGULATIONS 1994 LICENCE TO DISTURB MARINE SPECIES
THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (as amended) LICENCE TO DISTURB BASKING SHARKS (*Cetorhinus maximus*)

European Protected Species and Basking Shark Licences: Geophysical Surveys, Outer Hebrides

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) plc were granted the above licences on 18th June 2020 for geophysical survey activities across various cable route survey corridors in the Outer Hebrides. These licences are due to expire on 31st March 2023.

Our consultants are currently preparing applications which will include additional routes and updated risk assessments. In the meantime, we request that the existing licences are extended to capture the period between these being submitted and consulted on. We hereby request a 1-year extension of the existing licences to 31st March 2024.

I would be grateful if you could confirm acceptance of this request and progress the extension of the validity period of these licences at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Subsea Cables – Project Delivery

Enc: EPS and Protected Sites and Species Risk Assessment – Outer Hebrides (A-302244-S02-REPT-005 A01)