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**Seagreen Alpha and Bravo Offshore Wind Farms Alternative Landfall Cable Installation Marine Licence Application: Request for EIA Screening Opinion and Request for Pre-Application Consultation Statement.**

Further to your email received 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and discussions with **Redacted**  
**Redacted** we understand that you consider the proposed alternative landfall cable installation works, fall under paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) (the "2017 Regulations") and therefore you have advised that Seagreen submits a request for an EIA screening opinion under Regulation 10(1) of the 2017 Regulations.

On review of the information required under Regulation 10(2) and on the advice contained within your email, we confirm that the document submitted to Marine Scotland on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 entitled: *Seagreen Alpha and Bravo Offshore Wind Farms Alternative Cable Installation Marine Licence Application – Consenting Approach* (the "Consenting Approach"), contains the necessary information required to satisfy the criteria under Regulation 10(2) request for screening opinion. Therefore, please accept this letter and the document attached as Seagreen's request for a screening opinion for the above proposed works. For clarity Table 1 on the following page provides signposting to the relevant sections of the Consenting Approach document which address the criteria under Regulation 10(2).

In addition, as set out within Section 3.3 of the approach to consents document, Seagreen considers that formal pre-application consultation (PAC) under the Marine Licensing (PAC) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (the PAC Regulations) is not required for the proposed works, as the criteria for PAC are not met. We would be grateful if you could confirm that PAC is not required.

We would also like to highlight that following discussions with MS-LOT on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019, we had understood that the project may not fall under paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Marine Works Regulations. This is because:

(i) the changes proposed relate to the Marine Licence for the Offshore Transmission Asset and not the wind farm array and therefore the application is not for a change to works described in Schedule

2 (those set out in part 3(j) (*Installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms)*)); and/or

(ii) the Consenting Approach confirms that the proposed works will not have significant adverse effects on the environment and therefore the relevant threshold criteria set out in paragraph 13, column 2 of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations are not met.

Therefore, notwithstanding this screening request, it is our understanding that screening ought not to be required and we understand this is consistent with the approach taken by MS-LOT in respect of applications for similar works on other projects.

We understand from your email that you have already reviewed the approach to consents document in some detail and therefore we would be grateful if you could confirm the anticipated timescale for provision of response in this case.

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For and on behalf of  
Seagreen Wind Energy Limited

**Table 1**

<b>Information required under Regulation 10(2) of the 2017 Marine Works Regulations</b>	<b>Approach to Consents Document Reference</b>
(a) a description of the location of the proposed works, including a plan sufficient to identify the area in which the works are proposed to be sited;	Section 1: Introduction Figures 1.1: Firth of Forth zone Figure 1.2: Seagreen Export Cable Route Corridor Landfall Figure 1.3: Cable Landfall Red Line Boundary and Local Bathymetry
(b) a description of the proposed works, including in particular— (i) a list of all of the regulated activities which are proposed;	Section 2: Project Description Table 2.1: Worst Case Scenario Table 2.2: Vessels and Plant Section 2.4: Licensable marine activities Section 2.6: Timescales and duration
(ii) a description of the physical characteristics of the proposed works and, where relevant, works to be decommissioned; and	Section 2: Project Description Table 2.1: Worst Case Scenario
(iii) a description of the location of the proposed works, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected;	Section 4.2: Nature Conservation Designations Figure 4.1: Designated sites in relation to the proposed works Section 4.3: Other Designations Figure 4.2 Carnoustie designated bathing water
(c) a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed works; and	Section 4: Scope of Environmental Report Table 4.1: Topics scoped into or out of Environmental Report
(d) a description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed works on the environment resulting from either, or both, of the following:—	Section 3.2: Consideration of the need for EIA Sections 4.2 to 4.15: Environmental Assessment of identified receptors Appendix 1: Review of potential for significant adverse effects on the environment
(i) the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant;	Section 3.2: Consideration of the need for EIA Table 4.1: Topics scoped into or out of Environmental Report Sections 4.2 to 4.15: Environmental Assessment of identified receptors Appendix 1: Review of potential for significant adverse effects on the environment
(ii) the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.	Section 3.2: Consideration of the need for EIA Table 4.1: Topics scoped into or out of Environmental Report Sections 4.2 to 4.15: Environmental Assessment of identified receptors Appendix 1: Review of potential for significant adverse effects on the environment

(3) A request for a screening opinion may, in addition to the information required in accordance with paragraph (2), also be accompanied by a description of any features of the proposed works or proposed measures envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment.	Section 2.5: Management measures Sections 4.2 to 4.15: Environmental Assessment of identified receptors Appendix 1: Review of potential for significant adverse effects on the environment
(4) The information referred to in paragraph (2) is to be compiled taking into account, where relevant— (a) the selection criteria set out in schedule 3; and	Section 3: Approach to Consent Section 3.2: Consideration of the need for EIA
(b) the available results of any relevant assessment.	Section 4.1: Overview Sections 4.2 to 4.15: Environmental Assessment of identified receptors Appendix 1: Review of potential for significant adverse effects on the environment