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

HUNTERSTON MARINE CONSTRUCTION YARD REDEVELOPMENT

Dear[Redacted]

On 01 March 2019 Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) received a request for a screening opinion for the Hunterston Marine Construction Yard Redevelopment project under regulation 10(1) of The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) ("the EIA Regulations").

Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations states that the Scottish Ministers must adopt a screening opinion within 90 days of the receipt of the screening request. However, regulation 11(2) states that where the Scottish Ministers consider that due to exceptional circumstances relating to the nature, complexity, location or size of the proposed works it is not practicable to adopt a screening opinion within the period of 90 days from the receipt of the screening request, the period may be extended by giving notice, in writing, to the applicant. Due to the complicated nature of the project and the high level of public interest, MS-LOT has been unable to make the determination within the 90 day period. You were issued with letters on 13 June and 4 July 2019 notifying you of the delays in the issuing of the screening opinion. I am writing to inform you that the Scottish Ministers have been unable to meet the determination deadline of 19 July 2019. We are hereby notifying you that a screening opinion will be issued by 13 September 2019.

Yours sincerely

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