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Dear Mr Blyth,

**ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
DOUNREAY TRI FLOATING WIND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
SECTION 36 CONSENT, CONDITION 2 – COMMENCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT**

Further to your correspondence dated 7 April 2021, on behalf of Highland Wind Limited, which was assigned the section 36 consent for the Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project on 3 March 2021, you requested that the Scottish Ministers give its written approval for the substitution of the time period, from five years to eight years, for the commencement of the development.

Condition 2 of the section 36 consent is set out as follows:

“The Commencement of the Development must be no later than five years from the date of this consent, or in substitution such other period as the Scottish Ministers may hereafter agree and confirm in writing. Written confirmation of the intended date of Commencement of Development must be provided to the THC [The Highland Council], OIC [Orkney Islands Council] and Scottish Ministers no later than one calendar month before that date or at such a time as agreed with Scottish Ministers.”

Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, consulted with The Highland Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Orkney Islands Council, NatureScot and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. No objections or concerns were raised during the consultation.

The Scottish Ministers are content to extend the commencement of the time period for the development covered by the section 36 consent by an additional three years and hereby confirm that the commencement of the development under condition 2 of the section 36 consent, granted for the Dounreay Tri Floating Wind Demonstration Project on 16 March 2017, must be a date no later than eight years from the date the consent was granted.

For the avoidance of doubt, the commencement of the development (as defined in the section 36 consent) must be no later than 15 March 2025 or such other period as the Scottish Ministers may agree and confirm in writing.

Yours sincerely,

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Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team