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| Job Title: Consents and Environment Associate | Location: Edinburgh |
| Manager: Development Manager | Department: Development |
| Department: Moray West/Development | Country: UK |
| Job Holder: TBC | |

Consents and Environment Associate

General Description:

Ocean Winds (OW) is an international company dedicated to offshore wind energy and created as a 50-50 joint venture, owned by EDP Renewables and ENGIE. OW develops, finances, builds and operates offshore wind farm projects all around the world. In 2022, OW’s offshore wind gross capacity already operating, contracted or with grid connection rights granted reached 11 GW.

The Consents and Environment Associate will support the development, consenting and environmental management of Offshore Wind Farms in the UK. The role will be working for the Project Development Manager for one or more UK Projects, covering phases at various stages of the project life cycle including site selection, project consenting, Environmental Impact Assessment, discharge of consent conditions, construction phase consent management and operational phase consent and environmental compliance. The focus of this role will initially be the Moray West project, taking the lead on discharge / compliance of consent conditions related to the project’s onshore transmission infrastructure (cable route and substation) during construction, preparing for the transition to the operational phase and supporting the OFTO transaction process. In addition there will also be a requirement to support in offshore consents condition discharge / compliance tasks for the wind farm and offshore transmission infrastructure.

Main Accountabilities:

- Working with the Development Manager and the Environmental Coordinator, manage onshore consenting and environmental risks during the construction phase of the Moray West project;
- Manage onshore consent compliance and obtain any necessary new planning consents for the project;
- Manage contracts (e.g. Client ECoW, consultants and other contractors) to support the Development team requirements, including budget and programme management;
- Ensure key project Development documentation including commitments register, budget trackers, risk register and programme, is kept up to date;
- Provide project representation for engagement with regulators and statutory stakeholders including attendance at strategic internal and external stakeholder meetings, using negotiating and influencing skills to achieve the project’s desirable outcomes;

- Provide strategic advice and guidance on consenting approaches and compliance issues to the team and the Project;
- Support the consenting activities associated with the OFTO transaction process;
- Provide support on offshore consent conditions discharge/compliance tasks and offshore consent applications as required;
- Support the handover from Construction into O & M for all associated consenting documents and activities;
- Provide environment and consenting input to the wider project teams working on other Projects;
- To represent Ocean Winds on industry committees as appropriate to the role;
- Support to other Ocean Winds projects, as agreed.

Required Academic and Professional Experience:

- 2-5 years experience within a professional company (e.g. Utility, consultancy, Government Agency or NGO) with direct experience of the renewables industry and/or the consenting/planning process;
- Demonstrable Project Management Experience in a development environment;
- Knowledge and experience of planning/consenting activities for onshore developments in different UK and/or Ireland planning regimes;
- Demonstrable experience of working with Stakeholders and Regulators;
- Planning, legal, environmental or geography academic background and qualifications;
- Desirable to have practical Environmental Management knowledge and experience in a large-scale construction project or operational environment.

Required Skills/Competencies:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills;
- Problem solving including complex consenting issues and interface with wider project;
- Demonstrates the ability to work effectively with both internal and external stakeholders;
- Multi-skilled self-starter, with high levels of energy & commitment to deliver.

Languages:

The project has an international team of employees and the working language is English. Candidates need to be fluent in English both spoken and written. Proficiency in other languages will be valued.

Location:

OW and Moray West work on a flexible working environment policy, with a mix of office work (located in Edinburgh) and working from home. Occasional travel to stakeholders' offices and project construction sites will be required.