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Moray West Offshore Windfarm procurement webinar

Last week, in collaboration with DeepWind and Forth & Tay Offshore clusters, the Moray West team presented a webinar to the supply chain that included presentations from several team members and contributions from Claire Mack, CEO of Scottish Renewables and a Scottish SME contractor who had successfully accessed the Moray East project for construction works.

With 390 registrations the virtual event provided an insight into the development philosophy for the project plus detail on the procurement strategy. Three breakout sessions provided information on the status and procurement activity across: onshore transmission assets, offshore related construction and the operations & maintenance phase.

Questions from the attendees were answered in the plenary and the breakout sessions to ensure the event matched the interest from the supply chain.

Adam Morrison, Moray West Project Director commented:

“We were keen to engage with the supply chain as we ramp up our procurement activity around the large primary contracts that the project will sign. We understand there is huge capability in the Scottish and wider UK supply chain and we want to ensure the project provides the best opportunities to engage with the supply chain.

I was delighted with the level of interest in the event and recognise the time that people gave to hear from the project team and our other presenters. We are grateful for the support of the DeepWind team in making the event a success and we’ll continue to underpin our role in DeepWind as cluster champion by collaborating on more events to keep the supply chain informed.

There will be further opportunities for the supply chain to access the huge number of contract opportunities that will flow from the project if we can secure a route to market to unlock delivery of the project. Moray West is ready to provide significant opportunity and continuity to the Scottish supply chain, though the threat from the locational signals in transmission charging risk stalling the project, and therefore the benefits to the supply chain.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Moray West – Project Status & History

Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited, known as Moray West is a fully consented offshore wind project off the coast of Scotland. The project is expected to enter the next Contract for Difference (CfD) auction that the UK government has confirmed will be run in 2021.

The development of Moray West follows on from the delivery of the adjacent Moray East offshore wind farm, which won a CfD in 2017 with a record breaking low figure of £57.5/MWh, and is currently in construction phase for 100 x 9.5MW wind turbines.

2. Project History:

2010 – Development of Zone 1 of the Moray Firth commenced when development rights were won in the UK's 3rd round of offshore wind licensing. The zone was split into two, to enable Moray East to be developed ahead of Moray West, as there were constraints in the west of the zone. Constraints in the west eased, and development of Moray West commenced in 2016.

2018-19 – Planning consents secured from Scottish Government, Moray Council and Aberdeenshire Council.

3. Project ownership:

The Moray West project is being developed by Ocean Winds. Ocean Winds is formed through a partnership between EDPR and ENGIE for the purpose of offshore wind deployment that was signed in January 2020.

4. Project Statistics

Size: Grid connection for 860MW with consent for up to 85 turbines

Location: Moray Firth, Scotland, over 22km from the coastline

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