

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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**MORAY OFFSHORE WINDFARM (WEST) LIMITED  
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 (AS AMENDED)  
MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010  
MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009  
THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)  
THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED)  
THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED)  
THE ELECTRICITY (APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT)  
REGULATIONS 1990 (AS AMENDED)  
CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS & C.) REGULATIONS 1994  
(AS AMENDED)  
CONSERVATION OF OFFSHORE MARINE HABITATS AND  
SPECIES REGULATIONS 2017**

Further to the notice that Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited ("Moray West"), registered under company registration SC10515140 at 14-18 City Road, Cardiff, CF24 3DL, has applied to the Scottish Ministers for:

- consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989; and
- marine licences under section 20 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 65 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

to construct and operate an Offshore Wind Farm at the Moray West Site, located on the Smith Bank in the Outer Moray Firth, approximately 22.5 km from the Caithness Coastline, with a total area of approximately 225 km<sup>2</sup> (central latitude and longitude co-ordinates: 58°5.827' N 3°0.417' W (WGS84)) and associated Offshore Transmission Infrastructure ("the Applications"). The proposed development is subject to an environmental impact assessment ("EIA") under the above Regulations.

The proposed generating station would comprise of up to 85 wind turbine generators with a maximum blade tip height of 285 metres above Highest Astronomical Tide.

Before deciding the Applications, the Scottish Ministers will decide whether it is necessary to carry out an Appropriate Assessment under the above Regulations. To inform this decision, Moray West submitted a Report to Inform an Appropriate Assessment ("RIAA") as part of the Applications (and also later submitted and advertised new information to inform an Appropriate Assessment (including some corrections to information previously submitted)).

Notice is hereby given that Moray West has submitted new documents and additional information to the Scottish Ministers relative to the above Applications including:

- a request to reduce the development envelope originally requested under the Applications (for example reducing the maximum height of turbines);
- a request to vary the offshore wind farm site boundary to allow an additional option to locate some of the development within a new alternative area;
- information to support the Applications and information to support the above noted requested amendments including additional information and information to inform an Appropriate Assessment; and
- other amended application documents to support the requested boundary variation, including amended plans forming part of the Applications.

Copies of the additional information are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office/opening hours at:

- The Highland Council, Planning Office, Glenurquart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX;
- The Highland Council, Caithness Planning Office, Market Square, Wick, KW1 4AB;
- Helmsdale Library and Service Point, Dunrobin Street, Helmsdale, KW8 6JX;
- Buckie Library, Cluny place, Buckie, AB56 1HB;

- Golspie Service Point, Olsen House, Main Street, Golspie, KW10 6RA;
- Brora Library, Gower Street, Brora, Highland, KW9 6PD;
- Moray Council, Elgin Planning Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX; and
- Aberdeenshire Council, Banff Planning Office, Winston House, 39 Castle Street, Banff, AB45 1DQ.

The additional information can also be viewed online at <http://marine.gov.scot/ml/moray-west-offshore-windfarm> and <http://www.morayoffshore.com/moray-west/document-library/>. Copies of the additional information may also be obtained from Moray West (tel: +44 (0) 131 556 7602) at a charge of £30 for a hard copy (including post and packaging) and free of charge on USB stick.

Any representations should be made to the Scottish Ministers in writing by email to: [moray-west.representations@gov.scot](mailto:moray-west.representations@gov.scot) or by post to The Scottish Government, Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team ("MS-LOT"), Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB, identifying the proposed development and specifying grounds for objection or support, not later than **Saturday 5th January 2019**. The Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date. Representations should be dated and should clearly state the name (in block capitals) and the full return email or postal address of those making representation.

Any subsequent submission of additional information by Moray West to the Scottish Ministers will be publicised in a similar manner to this, including publication on the above websites, and representations relative to such information should be made on the same basis as detailed above.

Where the Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, the Scottish Ministers may cause a Public Local Inquiry ("PLI") to be held.

Having considered the environmental information, in conjunction with any representations received, the Scottish Ministers may:

- Consent to the proposed development, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposed development.

**All previous representations received in relation to this development will be considered.**

### Fair Processing Notice

MS-LOT determine applications for marine licences under Part 4 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and The Electricity Act (as amended). During the consultation process any person having an interest in the outcome of the application may make representation to MS-LOT. The representation may contain personal information, for example a name or address. This representation will only be used for the purpose of determining an application and will be stored securely in the Scottish Government's official corporate record. Representations will be shared with the applicant and/or agent acting on behalf of the applicant, any people or organisations that we consult in relation to the application, the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals should the Scottish Ministers call a PLI and, where necessary, be published online, however personal information will be removed before sharing or publishing.

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