MORAY OFFSHORE WINDFARM (WEST) LIMITED

ELECTRICITY ACT 1989

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009

CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS &c.) REGULATIONS 1994

CONSERVATION OF OFFSHORE MARINE HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2017

Notice has previously been given that Moray Offshore Windfarm (West) Limited ("Moray West"), registered under company registration 10515140 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 licence(s) 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 km² (central latitude and longitude co-ordinates: 58°5.827' N 3°0.417' W (WGS84)) and associated Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (the "Applications").

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.

Notice is hereby given that Moray West has now submitted new information (including some corrections to the information previously submitted) to the Scottish Ministers to inform an Appropriate Assessment.

Copies of this new information to inform an Appropriate Assessment 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 Place, 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.

This information can also be viewed online at <u>http://marine.gov.scot/ml/moray-west-offshore-windfarm</u> and <u>http://www.morayoffshore.com/moray-west/document-library/</u>. Copies of the new information may also be obtained from Moray West (tel: +44 (0) 131 556 7602). Hard copies and / or a USB card can be provided free of charge.

Any representations should be made to the Scottish Ministers in writing by email to: <u>moray-west.representations@gov.scot</u> 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 **Tuesday 2nd October 2018**. 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.

Having considered the Applications and other information received, 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 Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and applications for section 36 consents under 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 applications 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.

A full privacy notice can be found at:

<u>http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine/PrivacyNotice</u>. If you are unable to access this, or you have any queries or concerns about how your personal information will be handled, contact MS-LOT at: <u>ms.marinerenewables@gov.scot</u> or Marine Scotland - Licensing Operations Team, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9DB.