

13 December 2024

To Natural Resources Wales, Marine Licencing

Ref: ORML2429T

Dear Mr Morrison,

Mona Offshore Wind Limited (the 'Applicant') thanks Natural Resources Wales Marine Licencing Team (NRW MLT) for its email dated 6 December 2024 requesting further information relevant to the standalone NRW Marine Licence that was submitted at Deadline 5 of the Mona Offshore Wind Project Development Consent Order (DCO) application, for inclusion as part of any consultation on the responses to consultation provided by the Applicant on 13 November 2024.

Included in the further information documentation submitted is the updated Guide to the NRW Marine Licence Application (A2 F04) which provides an overview of all of the documents included in the application, and lists new documents and updated versions of previously submitted documents provided as responses to consultation by the Applicant on 13 November 2024, or which are being provided now as further information as requested.

Following further engagement with the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs) on their position with respect to ruling out adverse effect on site integrity (AEoI), the Applicant committed at Deadline 5 to the use of low order Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) clearance methods only under both the deemed Marine Licence and the standalone Marine Licence. High order UXO clearance will, therefore, not be authorised under the DCO, and will not be applied for under the standalone NRW Marine Licence. Should high order clearance of UXO be required a separate Marine Licence will be applied for. The Applicant has also committed to a seasonal restriction on low order UXO clearance in the Liverpool Bay/Bae Lerpwl Special Protection Area (SPA) between 1 November and 31 March. This is outlined in Measures to minimise disturbance to marine mammals and rafting birds from transiting vessels (J17 F03). Both commitments are included in the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule (J10 F05) and are expected to be secured via the standalone NRW Marine Licence as outlined in the updated Marine Licence Principles Document (J9 F05).

The Applicant would be happy to talk through any of the submissions or documents. We look forward to hearing from you.

Your faithfully,

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