

**22 April 2025**

To Natural Resources Wales, Marine Licencing

Ref: ORML2429T

Dear Mr Morrison,

Mona Offshore Wind Limited (the 'Applicant') welcomes and thanks consultees for comments received during Further Consultation undertaken between 4 February 2025 and 4 March 2025. The Applicant has provided a response to the points raised in the documentation submitted to NRW on 22 April 2025.

Included in the documentation submitted is the Guide to the NRW Marine Licence Application (A2 F06) which provides an overview of all the documents included in this submission and lists new documents and updated versions of previously submitted documents.

The primary submission is the Applicant's Responses to Further Consultation (S\_NRWML\_11). This is accompanied by updated (clean and tracked) versions of the outline Underwater Sound Management Strategy (UWSMS) (J16 F03) and outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP) (J21 F03). The track-changed versions of these documents show the updates made since the F02 versions, which were submitted to NRW MLT on 13 December 2024.

The outline UWSMS and MMMP have been updated to provide greater certainty regarding the design envelope for low-order Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) clearance and the associated mitigation measures expected to be secured through the MMMP via the standalone NRW Marine Licence. As such, the outline MMMP no longer refers to high-order UXO clearance. The Applicant considers that low-order UXO clearance can be fully mitigated by the measures set out in the outline MMMP. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures within the outline UWSMS are required. However, reference to UXO clearance has been retained in the outline UWSMS in the event that high-order clearance is required, which would be subject to a separate marine licence application.

The Applicant wishes to highlight to NRW MLT that, in light of comments received from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee during the Further Consultation regarding UXO clearance, it would be willing to accept a condition limiting the number of low order UXOs that could be cleared under the

deemed marine licence and standalone NRW Marine Licence to a maximum of 22. Further information can be found in Row 21 of the Applicant's Responses to Further Consultation (S\_NRWML\_11).

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

Your faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Carter". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Paul" and "Carter" being capitalized and prominent.

Paul Carter

Mona Consents Lead