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REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION - THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED)

Dear James Orme,

Marine Licence Application ORML1938v1 – Menter Môn Morlais Limited

Menter Môn Morlais Limited has applied to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for a Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 to amend specific approved parameters to allow Surface Emergent Seabed Mounted (SESM) device deployment within the Morlais Demonstration Zone (MDZ). NRW is required to consider such requests in accordance with the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (EIA) Regulations 2007 (as amended) (“the Regulations”).

Request for further information

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Regulations, NRW considers that further information is required to properly consider, or come to a conclusion on, the likely significant environmental effects of the project. NRW will not proceed with the consideration of the environmental impact or the determination of the marine licence until this information is provided. The information required to proceed with the determination is related to the Navigation Assessment and has been requested by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) ([MCA full response is available on our public register](#)). The Further Information we consider necessary is as follows:

- The variation should be accompanied by a site-wide Navigation Risk Assessment (NRA) for the Morlais Tidal Demonstration Zone.
- The site-wide NRA should capture the navigation risk assessment of the SESM devices and the revised parameters in compliance with MGN 654 and its annexes, along with a completed MGN checklist.

- The site-wide NRA should include details and sufficient information of all mitigation measures proposed and risk scores amended only in relation to mitigation measures that have been committed to.

Please refer to the MCA consultation response for further details.

Please provide the information requested above by **14 January 2026**. If NRW has not received this information by this date, application **ORML1938v1** will be treated as having been withdrawn. Please contact me as soon as possible if additional time will be required to collate this information.

Please note that further information must be publicised in accordance with the requirements stipulated in Regulation 16 of the Regulations. Therefore, once this information is received by NRW, you will be provided with a public notice to publish in the same newspaper as the project was previously publicised at your own expense.

In the meantime, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the marine licensing team on marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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