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EXCEPTION UNDER REGULATION 10 OF THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (AS AMENDED) (DEFERRAL OF EIA CONSENT DECISION)

Dear Claire Melrose,

The Gwynt Glas Floating Offshore Wind Farm is proposed to be located approximately 42 km off the southwest coast of Pembrokeshire in the Celtic Sea. The wind farm is anticipated to have a capacity of up to 1.5 GW with the array covering approximately 369 km². The development would consist of offshore generating infrastructure and transmission assets. The likely grid connection location is expected to be at Llandyfaelog Substation in Carmarthen (to be built by National Grid), requiring the installation of underground export cables between landfall and the grid connection point. Several landfall and onshore cable routes are still under consideration.

Gwynt Glas Offshore Wind Farm Limited has applied to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for a scoping opinion under The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) for the above stated works. The Gwynt Glas Floating Offshore Wind Farm requires a Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Deferral of EIA Consent Decision

NRW are of the opinion that the proposed works fall under Schedule A2 Paragraph 21 of the Regulations:

21. Installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms).

In addition to a Marine Licence the project also requires a Development Consent Order from the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008. In accordance with The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 the Secretary of State must not make an Order granting development consent for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development unless an EIA has been carried out in respect of that application.

Under Reg 10(1)(b) of the Marine Works Regulations, NRW may determine that an EIA is not required, in relation to a Marine Licence application if we are satisfied that an assessment of any significant effects on the environment of the project in question has already been, is being or is to be carried out, by another consenting authority and the assessment is or will be sufficient to meet the requirements of any law of any part of the United Kingdom that implemented the EIA Directive in relation to that project.

Based upon the information received to date, in accordance with Regulation 10(1)(b) of the Marine Works Regulations, NRW consider that an EIA is not required for the purpose of determination of the Marine Licence, on the basis that an assessment of any effects on the environment of the project in question is to be carried out by the Secretary of State as part of the determination process for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act and that this will be, sufficient to meet the requirements of any law of any part of the United Kingdom that implemented the EIA Directive.

Under Regulations 10 (4)(a) of the Marine Works Regulations (as amended) NRW cannot determine the Marine Licence application until we are satisfied that to do so would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the EIA Directive and be compatible with the measures identified by the Secretary of State to ensure compliance with any law of any part of the United Kingdom that implemented the EIA Directive.

Therefore, in these circumstances, a Marine Licence for this project can only be legally granted after the completion of the consideration of the EIA and associated decision made by the Secretary of State.

Information required from other appropriate authority

As regulator for the determination of the Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009), in compliance with Reg 10(4A), NRW requires the following information from the Secretary of State, as the Appropriate Authority for the determination of the EIA assessment:

- Conclusion of EIA assessment
- Conditions considered necessary in relation to likely significant environmental effects
- Description of features/measures to avoid, prevent, reduce and offset likely significant adverse effects on the environment
- Monitoring measures considered necessary
- Any further comments of relevance

Withdrawal of deferral

Notwithstanding the above, in the event that further information is presented or made available to NRW at any point during the determination of the Marine Licence application, which results in NRW concluding that the exception under Regulation 10 can no longer be relied upon, NRW may determine that an EIA is required under the Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007. You will be notified of this as soon as reasonably practicable.

Yours sincerely



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