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Seagreen 1A Alternative Cable Landfall Installation Method Application

With this letter and appended Environmental Appraisal (EA) (LF000012-CST-OF-REP-0002) Seagreen 1A Limited (hereafter referred to as SG1A) is applying for consent for an alternative landfall cable installation method for the already consented export cable between the Seagreen offshore wind farm and landfall at Cockenzie, East Lothian.

The existing SG1A Project Marine Licence, awarded in December 2021 (as subsequently amended (Licence Number: MS-00009923) permits the installation of one export cable between the Seagreen Project and the landfall at Cockenzie (the "SG1A Project Marine Licence"). The Licence permits installation of the export cable through the intertidal area using horizontal directional drilling (HDD). Since the Seagreen 1A: Offshore Export cable Corridor Environmental Impact Assessment Report ("SG1A Project EIAR") was submitted in March 2021, further geotechnical technical assessment of the ground conditions at and near landfall has shown that installation by HDD may pose significant technical challenges.

SG1A is therefore applying for consent for an alternative landfall cable installation methodology, in addition to the method of HDD already consented under the SG1A Project Marine Licence, although only one installation methodology will be implemented. The alternative method is to allow use of open cut trenching, between the original proposed landward entrance point of the HDD (approximately 10 m above MHWS), across the beach and intertidal zone, down to a depth of 5 m (LAT) (approximately 700 m below charted MLWS) (the "Proposed Works").

In the request for a Screening Opinion dated 7 April 2022, SG1A had proposed that an application for a new marine licence would be submitted. This would be a similar licensing approach to that taken in relation to the Carnoustie Alternative Installation Methodology Marine Licence (ref: MS-00009749), where a new marine licence was awarded that included conditions that referenced the original Seagreen Offshore Transmission Asset (OTA) Marine Licence. If the application is treated as an application for such a new marine licence, SG1A understands that notices will require to be published as per section 26 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 ("2010 Act").

However, SG1A also understand from MS-LOT that the application for the Proposed Works could proceed by way of a variation to the original licence and SG1A would be happy to discuss this route with MS-LOT.



In the Environmental Appraisal the proposal is referred to as the SG1A Alternative Landfall Installation Method application ('the Application').

SG1A would be grateful if MS-LOT could review and respond to the application confirming its acceptance and we would welcome further discussion with MS-LOT on its proposed licencing approach.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of
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