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Attention: The Scottish Government
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ECU Reference: ECU00005089

CRYSTAL RIG WIND FARM REPOWER APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, AS AMENDED (ECU CASE REFERENCE: ECU00005089) AND DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE CRYSTAL RIG I WIND FARM REPOWER IN THE SCOTTISH BORDER AND EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL AREA.

Dear Kevin Ainslie,

On behalf of Fred Olsen Renewables Ltd ("the Applicant"), please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 as amended, together with a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 1997 Act), as amended, to construct and operate a generating station incorporating wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure with a generation capacity of greater than 50 MW.

The project is to be referred to as Crystal Rig I Wind Farm Repower ("the Proposed Development"). The Proposed Development site ('the Site') is located approximately 10 km south of Dunbar, and approximately 40 km east of Edinburgh, within the Lammermuir Hills. The Site is located across two council areas, with the access area located within East Lothian Council's (ELC) jurisdiction and the rest of the Site located within Scottish Borders Council's (SBC) remit.

The Proposed Development comprises up to 10 turbines with a maximum blade tip height of up to 230 m for six turbines and a maximum tip height of up to 200 m for the remaining four turbines, with a total capacity of >50 MW. Associated infrastructure for the Proposed Development includes:

- Turbine foundations;
- External turbine transformers;
- Wind turbine crane hardstandings;
- On-site switch room building and control building;
- Underground cabling network;
- New and upgraded site access tracks;

- Two temporary construction compounds and concrete batching plant; and
- Borrow pit search area.

The lifetime of the Proposed Development is envisaged to be 35 years from the final commissioning to commencement of decommissioning.

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which reports the findings of the EIA undertaken by SLR Consulting Ltd. The EIA Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ("the EIA Regulations"). The EIA process has identified and evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development.

This application is accompanied by the following:

EIA Report:

- Non-Technical Summary
- Volume 1: Written Statement
- Volume 2: Figures
- Volume 3: Visualisations
- Volume 4: Technical Appendices
- Volume 5: Confidential Appendices
- Volume 6: Confidential Figures

Other accompanying application documents:

- Pre-Application Consultation Report
- Socio-Economic Impact Report
- Design and Access Statement
- Planning Statement

All application documents (with the exception of Volume 5 and 6 of the EIA Report) will be available to view and download via the ECU website (http://www.energyconsents.scot/). The EIA Report, including all figures, technical appendices (excluding the Confidential Annex) and accompanying documents are also available to view on the project website (https://crystalrigwindfarm.com/crystal-rig-repower/).

The application fee of £150,000 has been transferred by BACS to the nominated Scottish Government bank account by the Applicant.

SLR Consulting Ltd on behalf of the Applicant will arrange for the advertisement of the notice of the application and accompanying EIA Report in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 as amended and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Copies of these

notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised. The application will be advertised in accordance with legislation as follows:

- Edinburgh Gazette for one week;
- A national newspaper (The Herald) for one week;
- East Lothian Courier for two consecutive weeks;
- Berwickshire News for two consecutive weeks; and
- On the developer's application website - https://crystalrigwindfarm.com/

The advertisement will provide details of the date by which representations should be made. The Scottish Government will invite formal representations on the Proposed Development, which will be taken into account before any decision is reached on the application.

Hard copies of the application documentation including the EIA Report will be made available for public viewing during opening hours at the following locations:

- Scottish Borders Council Headquarters, Newton Street, Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA
  (Monday – Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm
  Friday 9.00am to 3.45pm)

On the basis of the information provided in the supporting documents that are lodged in support of this application, the Applicant requests that the Scottish Ministers grant Section 36 consent under the 1989 Act and make a direction under Section 57(2) of the 1997 Act granting deemed planning permission for the Proposed Development subject to planning conditions.

All correspondence in relation to this application should be directed to Sophia Cockell of SLR Consulting Ltd, at the following email address: sophia.cockell@slrconsulting.com

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Sophia Cockell, Senior EIA Consultant, SLR Consulting Ltd