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ECU Application Ref no.: ECU00000728

Energy Consents Unit Scottish Government 4th Floor 5 Atlantic Quay 150 Broomielaw Glasgow G2 8LU FAO Stephen McFadden

Dear Stephen McFadden,

## ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017

Intelligent Land Investments (ILI) (Highlands PSH) Ltd, SC581757, The Shires, 33 Bothwell Road, Hamilton, ML3 0AS is seeking, under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, consent to construct and operate a pumped storage hydro scheme approximately 14 kilometres (km) south-west of Inverness (Central Grid Reference NH 61478 33306).

The Highland Council has objected to the application on landscape and visual during construction and traffic management and as such, has requested the submission of supplementary information addressing the reasons for objection in order to support reconsideration of the application at planning committee in December 2019. As this information is considered to be relevant to reaching a reasoned conclusion on the acceptability of the Development, this is considered by the Energy Consents Unit, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, to constitute additional information (hereafter referred to as 'SEI') under regulation 19(2) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ('the Regs').

Regulation 20(1) of the Regs requires a notice to be published in the Edinburgh Gazette and in a publication circulating in the locality of the Development following the provision of SEI to the Scottish Ministers. This notice must also be served directly upon relevant parties, including the planning authority (The Highland Council in this instance) and any other bodies originally consulted during the s36 application consultation process.

The notice will be published in the Inverness Courier on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 and also in the Edinburgh Gazette also on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. The notice details that the SEI submission will be available for public viewing at the Scottish Government Library, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
The Highland Council Planning Office	Monday – Friday from 09:00 – 17:00	Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX
The Dores Post Office	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 – 13:00	The Dores Post Office, Dores, Inverness IV2 6TT
Farr Community Hall	Monday – Friday from 09:00 – 17:00	Farr Community Hall, Farr, Inverness IV2 6XA

The SEI report can also be viewed on the application website at <u>http://www.redjohnpsh.co.uk/;</u> or at <u>www.energyconsents.scot</u>.



I would be most grateful if you could confirm receipt of the documents either by letter, email to pumpedstorage@aecom.comREDACTED

Yours sincerely, REDACTED

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