

Loch Liath Wind Farm EIA Report

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Preface

This Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report has been prepared in support of an application by Loch Liath Wind Farm Limited (Ltd) (a company wholly owned by Statkraft UK Limited) ('the Applicant') to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for Section 36 consent to construct and operate Loch Liath Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development') in The Highland Council (THC) administrative area. The Proposed Development is located within the Balmacaan Estate, directly west of the Great Glen and Loch Ness, and with the closest turbine being located approximately 13 kilometres (km) south-west of Drumnadrochit. The Proposed Development will comprise up to 13 wind turbines and other associated infrastructure.

The EIA Report comprises the following volumes:

- Volume 1: Written Text (this volume);
- Volume 2: Figures;
- Volume 3 (a): NatureScot Visualisations (Viewpoints 1-10);
- Volume 3 (b): NatureScot Visualisations (Viewpoints 11-20 and AESLQ & WLA Assessment Points);
- Volume 4 (a): Highland Council Visualisations (Viewpoints 1-10);
- Volume 4 (b): Highland Councils Visualisations (Viewpoints 11-20);
- Volume 5 (a): Appendices 1.1-8.5; and
- Volume 5 (b): Appendices 9.1-14.2.

In addition to the above, the application is accompanied by a standalone Non-Technical Summary (NTS), a Planning Statement, a Design and Access Statement and a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.

A hard copy of the EIA Report will be available for public viewing during the application consultation period at the following address:

Glenurquhart Library and Learning Centre

Drumnadrochit

Inverness

IV63 6XA.

Copies of this EIA Report and further information may be obtained by contacting Loch Liath Wind Farm Ltd on 0800 772 0668 or by emailing uk-post@statkraft.com. A hard copy of the EIA Report is available for £2500. Hard copies of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) are available free of charge.

The documents will also be available for viewing online on the Scottish Government ECU planning portal (<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationSearch.aspx>), THC planning portal (<https://wam.highland.gov.uk/wam/>) and on the application website www.lochliath.co.uk.

Any public representations to the application may be submitted via the ECU website at www.energyconsents.scot/Register.aspx; by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation. The Applicant will advertise the submission of the Section 36 application in the local and national press and on the dedicated project website. The advert will state the deadline for submitting representations to Scottish Ministers.

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