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Loch Liath Wind Farm: Energy Consents Unit (ECU00002182)

In April 2023, Loch Liath Wind Farm Ltd (the 'Applicant') submitted an application to the Scottish Ministers (via the Energy Consents Unit (ECU)) for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a wind farm known as Loch Liath Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as 'the Proposed Development') (ECU ref. ECU00002182). A direction for deemed planning permission was also sought under Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

Since the submission of the Section 36 (S36) consent application to the ECU, a number of consultation responses have been received from statutory consultees. The Highland Council (the Local Planning Authority and hereby referred to as THC) and NatureScot responded with requests for additional information. NatureScot also raised a holding objection with respect to the impact on Priority Peatland.

Consequently, the Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) Report, and supporting reports have been submitted to the ECU, in accordance with Part 6 Section 19(2) of the EIA Regulations, to provide supplementary information relating to the provision of:

- Further peatland restoration areas and information to address NatureScot's response;
- Additional material and assessment of cumulative impacts of the Proposed Development, in response to THC's comments; and
- Supplementary information with respect to securing socio-economic benefits as part of the Proposed Development.

The SEI Report should be read in conjunction with the 2023 EIA Report. Unless otherwise stated in the SEI Report, the content of the 2023 EIA Report remains valid.

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Structure and Presentation of the SEI

The SEI Report comprises the following volumes which are structured to align with the 2023 EIA Report volumes and accompanying supporting reports:

- **Volume 1:** SEI Report;
- **Volume 2:** SEI Figures;
- **Volume 3:** SEI Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Visualisations NatureScot;
- **Volume 4:** SEI Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Visualisations Highland Council; and
- **Volume 5:** SEI Appendices.

Further details of the contents of each volume is set out in Chapter 1 of the SEI Report, including a full list of Chapters, SEI Supporting Figures, additional SEI Visualisations and SEI Appendices.

The following reports accompany this SEI Report:

- Socio-economic Statement; and
- Updated Planning Statement.

Advertising and Consultation

The submission of the SEI will trigger another round of consultation as required by Regulation 20 of the EIA Regulations. Consultees are given 30 days to submit representations in accordance with EIA Regulations and allowing for an additional day to account for the St Andrew's Day public holiday. The Applicant has arranged for the publication of the SEI submission and an advert will be placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and Press & Journal (one week), in accordance with Section 20 (2) of Part 6 of the EIA Regulations.

A hardcopy of the SEI Report, as well as the 2023 EIA Report, will be made available for public viewing at the following addresses prior to the first advert going live:

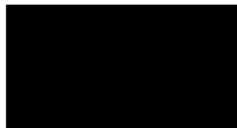
- Highland Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX; and
- Glenurquhart Library and Learning Centre, Glen Urquhart High School, Drumadrochit, Inverness, IV63 6XA.

The information can also be viewed on the application website at www.LochLiath.co.uk; or at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00002182.

Copies of the additional information may be obtained from (Loch Liath Wind Farm Ltd (0800 772 0668 or by emailing uk-post@statkraft.com) at a charge of £400 hard copy and free of charge on USB stick. Copies of a short Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge.

I trust that the above is clear, however please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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