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**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2017 AND THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2017**

**PROPOSED SEAGREEN PROJECT SECTION 36C VARIATION APPLICATION – REQUEST FOR
SCREENING OPINION**

With this letter and attached Screening Report, Seagreen Wind Energy Limited (SWEL) are writing to request a formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion from the Scottish Ministers via the Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MS-LOT) for a proposed variation to the consented Seagreen Project. SWEL intends to request a variation to the existing Seagreen Alpha and Bravo section 36 consents under section 36C of the Electricity Act 1989. SWEL also intends to request the associated marine licences are also varied by Scottish Ministers under section 72 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and section 30 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

SWEL is proposing to vary the existing consents to allow for changes principally to parameters of the consented but not constructed 36 wind turbine generators associated with the Seagreen Project. Varied parameters include an increase in rotor diameter, blade chord width, maximum and minimum tip height and hub height. No changes to piling parameters are included in the proposed variation. SWEL are also proposing to vary the existing consents to allow for an increase in steel seabed deposits. For the purposes of this document, these proposed parameter changes are referred to as 'the Variation'.

The attached Screening Report provides further assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the Variation compared to the project design envelope previously assessed and originally consented in 2014. Based on the technical assessments provided in the Screening Report, the Variation will not give rise to any likely significant adverse environmental effects, alone or in combination with other projects, compared to the consented Seagreen Project. As the Variation is not likely to have significant effects on the environment, SWEL propose the S.36C variation application does not require an EIA under the Electricity Works EIA Regulations or the Marine Works EIA Regulations and that the Variation should be screened out of the requirement for EIA.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of
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