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Dear Dr. Bain

**Subject: Seagreen Wind Energy Limited
Project Alpha Offshore Wind Farm and Project Bravo Offshore Wind Farm
Addendum to Seagreen Phase 1 Offshore Environmental Impact Assessment Report**

Seagreen Wind Energy Limited (Seagreen) is wholly owned by SSE Renewables Developments (UK) Limited. Seagreen was granted rights by The Crown Estate in 2010 to develop offshore wind farms in the Firth of Forth Round 3 Zone. The Zone is being developed as a series of projects. The first projects to be developed are known as Project Alpha and Project Bravo (Seagreen Phase 1). Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited (SAWEL) and Seagreen Bravo Wind Energy Limited (SBWEL) are the project companies for the two schemes. SAWEL and SBWEL are part of the Seagreen group of companies and wholly owned subsidiaries of Seagreen.

Section 36 consent and Marine Licences for Project Alpha and Project Bravo offshore wind farms were granted on 10 October 2014 and were varied on 28th August 2018 to remove the wind farm capacity limits. These consents are still extant. Seagreen is now seeking alternative consents for similar, but updated, designs of the offshore wind farm projects in the same sea area, termed 'the optimised Seagreen Project'. This allows Seagreen to take advantage of advances in wind turbine design and monopile construction since Project Alpha and Project Bravo were previously consented in 2014.

Seagreen submitted applications for the following consents for the optimised Seagreen Project in September 2018:

- consents under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989; and
- marine licences under section 20 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and sections 65 and 66 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

The Marine Licence for the Offshore Transmission Asset was granted on 10 October 2014 and is still extant. The Offshore Transmission Asset does not form part of the current applications for the optimised Seagreen Project.

Please find enclosed Additional Information as defined in the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Marine Works (Environmental

Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) in the form of an Addendum of Additional Information to the EIA Report submitted in support of the consent applications made in September 2018 for the optimised Seagreen Project. The Addendum consists of the following documents:

- Preface
- **Part 1:** Non Technical Summary
- **Part 2:** Additional Environmental Information
 - **Section 1:** Introduction and Consultation
 - **Section 2:** Ornithology assessment
 - **Section 3:** Seagreen Alpha and Seagreen Bravo Ornithology Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) – Information to Inform Appropriate Assessment Report
 - **Section 4:** References
 - **Section 5:** Annexes
- **Part 3:** Optimised Seagreen Phase 1 Project 2018 EIA Report Appendices 10A(i) to (vi) (These were omitted from 2018 optimised Project Application electronic copy, no changes have been made in relation to these Appendices)

Seagreen would like to highlight that the addendum contains only an update to information in relation to ornithology assessments. All information provided in relation to project technical parameters and all environmental topic assessments, other than ornithology, remain as per the information provided within the EIA Report for the consent applications submitted in September 2018.

In summary, the revised ornithology assessment concludes that no significant collision or displacement impacts are predicted on any species due to the optimised Seagreen project alone or cumulatively with any other relevant projects. The revised ornithology HRA concludes that the optimised Seagreen Project, both alone and in-combination with other plans and projects, is predicted to result in no adverse effects on the integrity of European sites.

As agreed with Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team, Seagreen will advertise the publication of this Addendum for two consecutive weeks in the following publications:

- Edinburgh Gazette
- The Scotsman
- Montrose Review
- Arbroath Herald
- Dundee Courier

Copies of the Additional Information will be available for inspection, free of charge during normal office/opening hours at:

- Angus Council Montrose Access Office, Town House, High Street, Montrose, DD10 8QW
- Arbroath Library, Hill Terrace, Arbroath, DD11 1AH
- Carnoustie Library, 21 High Street, Carnoustie, DD7 6AN
- Dundee Central Library, The Wellgate, Dundee, DD1 1DB

We look forward to receiving your formal acceptance of the Addendum. If we can be of any further assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of
Seagreen Wind Energy Limited