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Document Reference: Cenos Offshore Windfarm Ltd. Section 36 Consent Application

Dear Lauren,

- **Electricity Act 1989 (as amended);**
- **The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended);**
- **The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended);**
- **Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;**
- **Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;**
- **The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended);**
and
- **The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.**

Cenos Offshore Wind Farm: Application for Section 36 Consent and associated Marine Licences.

Cenos Offshore Windfarm Ltd., a Joint Venture between Flotation Energy and Vårgrønn As (Vårgrønn), are proposing the development of the Cenos Offshore Windfarm. This Application is being submitted by Cenos Offshore Windfarm Ltd. for the following:

- Consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of an offshore generating station (the Cenos Offshore Windfarm).

This letter is also accompanied by Applications for the following Marine Licences:

- A Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the Generation Assets; and
- A Marine Licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 for the Transmission Assets.

Overview of the Project

The Cenos Offshore Windfarm is a floating offshore windfarm located 200 kilometres (km) offshore east of Aberdeen. The Project boundary encompasses the offshore components seaward of Mean

High Water Springs (MHS), including the Array Area and the Export/Import Cable Corridor (EICC). The Project is entirely located within the Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas (INTOG) area 'E-a'.

- Up to 95 Floating Turbine Units (FTUs), one for each WTG and each accompanied by a floating substructure;
- Up to 6 moorings for each floating substructure (up to 570 in total);
- Up to 6 anchors or 3 piles/pile clusters for each floating substructure (up to 570 anchors or 285 piles/pile clusters in total);
- Up to two Offshore Substation Converter Platforms (OSCPs). OSCP's topsides will be located on bottom-fixed jacket foundations with 50 metre (m) spacing between jackets. OSCP's topsides will be linked via a bridge-link platform;
- Up to 350 km of Inter-Array Cables (IACs) (including 280 km of buried, static cabling, and 70 km of dynamic cabling);
- A cable bundle comprising two Direct Current (DC) Export/Import Cables and a fibre optic cable, each with a maximum length of 230 km from the OSCP's to Landfall at Longhaven, Aberdeenshire; and
- Associated scour protection and cable protection (as required).

Once commissioned, the operational life of the Project is 35 years.

The onshore components of the Cenos Offshore Windfarm have been consented separately under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended). The Applicant is in the process of entering into a binding agreement to acquire NorthConnect Limited (the 'Acquisition'). While the transaction with NorthConnect has not fully completed at the time of writing, the Applicant is confident that the transaction will complete imminently. The Applicant has agreed with NorthConnect that the application should be submitted in the intervening period so that the Project does not incur unnecessary delay. Once the Acquisition is complete, Cenos Offshore Windfarm Ltd. will hold the benefit of the Marine Licences granted in respect of the NorthConnect project as well as the planning permissions that have been granted for the onshore substation and cable infrastructure. The onshore aspect is subject to different legislative regimes. This Application applies exclusively to the offshore components.

Documents enclosed

The documentation submitted, together comprising the Application, in line with the 'Offshore renewable energy: marine licence and section 36 consent application checklist'. Documentation submitted consists of:

- A completed checklist;
- This Section 36 Consent Application Letter;
- A Marine Licence Application Form for the Generation Assets and Supporting Information;
- A Marine Licence Application Form for the Transmission Assets and Supporting Information;
- Draft public notice of Application (following the template issued by MD-LOT);
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report.
- Planning Statement and Consideration of Relevant Policies;
- An EIA Report, comprising:
 - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary;
 - Volume 2: Introductory Chapters;
 - Volume 3: Technical Chapters; and
 - Volume 4: Technical Appendices [inclusive of Outline Management Plans (Outline Environmental Management Plan, Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol, Outline

Fisheries Management and Mitigation Strategy, Written Scheme of Investigation / Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries)];

- A Gap Analysis;
- Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA);
- Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) – Shadow Without Prejudice Derogation Case;
- Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) – Compensation and Implementation Strategy;
- Marine Protected Area (MPA) Assessment;
- Marine Protected Area (MPA) Assessment – Shadow Without Prejudice Derogation Case; and
- Marine Protected Area (MPA) Assessment – Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit and Implementation Strategy.

Fees

We understand that application fees will be calculated based on the information contained in the Applications and an invoice will be issued for payment from the Scottish Government on receipt of and initial checks of the Application.

Public Notices/Advertisements

Public notices advising that Cenos Offshore Windfarm Ltd. has submitted Applications for a Section 36 Consent and associated Marine Licences to Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT), and inviting the public to submit comments on the Applications will be placed in the following publications on dates to be agreed with MD-LOT:

- The Herald;
- The Edinburgh Gazette; and
- The Aberdeen Press and Journal;
- Fishing News.

Once the Application has been accepted by MD-LOT, a copy of the Application and the documents enclosed will be made available at: <https://cenosoffshorewind.com/>

Hard copies of the Application documents will be made available for the public to view in the following locations:

- Aberdeenshire Council – Buchan House (Peterhead Offices); and
- Flotation Energy's Aberdeen Office.

Cenos Offshore Windfarm Ltd. look forward to hearing from you in relation to these Applications.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Smith, Cenos Consents Manager, at jennifersmith@flotationenergy.com if we can be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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