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Dear Natural Resources Wales,

**LLŶR FLOATING WIND LIMITED APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE
MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009: Part 4 – Marine Licencing**

Llŷr Floating Wind Limited (the Applicant) encloses an application to Natural Resources Wales Marine Licence Team (NRW MLT) for Marine Licences under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act (MCAA) 2009.

Subject of the application

This is an application for a Marine Licence to construct and operate the Llŷr 1 floating offshore wind farm (the Proposed Project), a floating offshore wind farm located 35km offshore from the Pembrokeshire coast, under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MCAA).

The proposed Project is a test and demonstration wind farm development comprising up to 10 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and associated infrastructure. The proposed Project will make landfall at Freshwater West before connecting into the National Grid network at Pembroke Dock power station.

The Applicant is also seeking a Section 36 consent and Marine Licence for the offshore components and deemed planning permission as part of the Section 36 consent for the onshore components of the proposed Project.

Application process

The Marine Licence application will be administered by NRW MLT on behalf of the Welsh Ministers as Licensing Authority. As set out in section 67(1)(a) of the MCAA 2009, NRW MLT may require an application for a Marine Licence to be made in a prescribed form. The Marine Licence application is made using the appropriate Marine Licence application form which has been prescribed by NRW MLT.

The Project is a development which requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be undertaken. An EIA has been undertaken to support both this and the Section 36 applications.

We have transferred the following documents to NRW MLT via the Marine Licensing website:

- The completed and signed application form;

- The relevant chapters and annexes of the Environmental Statement (ES) submitted with the Marine Licence Application.

The Llŷr Floating Wind project

The Marine Licence Application relates to the offshore aspects of the development outlined in paragraph 1.1 above and described in full in Volume 1, Chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement.

The Marine Licence, and associated Section 36 consent application will, among other things, authorise:

- (a) Installation and operation of up to 10 offshore wind turbine generators including their floating platforms and mooring infrastructure;
- (b) Construction of a network of subsea electrical cables connecting the wind turbine generators;
- (c) Installation of up to two subsea export cable circuits to transmit the electricity generated by the wind turbine generators to shore. The Project's offshore export cable corridor extends north-eastwards from the array area to the proposed landfall at Freshwater West; and
- (d) Construction of up to two transition joint bays at landfall connecting the offshore cables to the onshore cables.

Habitats Regulations

The Marine Licence application documents include a Report to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (Volume 6, Appendix 8E of the ES) which identifies all relevant European sites and provides sufficient information for the competent authority to determine whether the Project is likely to have an adverse effect on the integrity of any European site.

It concludes that the Project, together with mitigation as proposed, is not expected to have an adverse effect on the integrity of any site. The Report to Inform an Appropriate Assessment has been discussed in detail with NRW.

I trust that the information provide is sufficient to be allow NRW MLT to progress with the application process; however, if you require any clarification on any aspect of the application, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to this application.

Yours sincerely



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