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Dear Tony,

**KNOCKCRONAL WIND FARM
APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, AS AMENDED (ECU CASE
REFERENCE: ECU00002181) AND DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE
KNOCKCRONAL WIND FARM.**

On behalf of Knockcronal Wind Farm Ltd (“the Applicant”), please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 as amended, together with a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 1997 Act), as amended, to construct and operate a generating station incorporating wind turbine generators, energy storage and associated infrastructure with a generation capacity of greater than 50 MW.

The project is to be referred to as Knockcronal Wind Farm (“the Proposed Development”). The Proposed Development comprises a generating station consisting of up to nine wind turbines on a site located 4.8 km south of Straiton and 17.4 km east of Girvan, in South Ayrshire Council planning authority area, Scotland.

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), which reports the finding of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken by ITP Energised. The EIA Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (‘the EIA Regulations’). The EIA process has identified and evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development.

This application is accompanied by the following:

EIA Report

- EIA Report Volume 1: Written Statement;
- EIA Report Volume 2: Figures;
- EIA Report Volume 3: Visualisations;
- EIA Report Volume 4: Technical Appendices;
- EIA Report Volume 5: EIA Report Confidential Annex;

Other accompanying application documents

- Non-technical Summary;
- Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report;
- Planning Statement;

Under the Electricity Works (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, the requirement for developers to make Section 36 application documents including the EIAR available for public inspection in hard copies, has been temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, there is a temporary requirement to make them available via an online website. In accordance with this, all application documents (with the exception of Volume 5: Confidential Annex) will be available via the ECU

website (www.energyconsents.scot/Default.aspx). The EIAR, including all figures, technical appendixes and accompanying documents are also available to view on the project website (www.knockcronal.co.uk).

The application fee of £125,000.00 has been transferred by BACS to the nominated Scottish Government bank account by Statkraft UK Limited (the parent company of Knockcronal Wind Farm Limited).

ITPEnergised on behalf of the Applicant will arrange for the advertisement of the notice of the application and accompanying EIA Report in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 as amended and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Copies of these notices will be provided to ECU once advertised.

The application will be advertised in accordance with legislation as follows:

- Edinburgh Gazette for one week;
- A national newspaper (The Herald) for one week;
- The Ayrshire Post for two weeks;
- The Ayr Advertiser for two weeks; and
- on the developers' application website at www.knockcronal.co.uk

The advertisement will provide details of the date by when representations should be made but this period has been extended to account for the Christmas period. The Scottish Government will invite formal representations on the Proposed Development, which will be taken into account before any decision is reached on the application.

On the basis of the information provided in the supporting documents that are lodged in support of this application, the Applicant requests that the Scottish Ministers grant section 36 consent under the 1989 Act and make a direction under section 57(2) of the 1997 Act granting deemed planning permission for the Proposed Development subject to planning conditions.

All correspondence in relation to this application should be directed to Emma Bathgate of ITPE, see details below.

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely



Emma Bathgate
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