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ECU REF: **ECU00002224**

**Application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and direction for deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended (ECU case reference: ECU00002224) to construct and operate the West Torrisdale Wind Farm in the Argyll and Bute Council Area**

Dear Ms Cheryl Glen

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed West Torrisdale Wind Farm (The Proposed Development). This application is made by ESB Asset Development UK Limited ('The Applicant').

The Applicant is applying to construct and operate, a renewable energy development, known as West Torrisdale Wind Farm, located approximately 4 km southwest of Carradale, in Argyll and Bute (National Grid Reference: NR 76731 36486). The site is currently comprised of commercial forestry and covers an area of 391 hectares. It is proposed that up to 9 turbines will be constructed with a maximum blade tip height of up to 149.9 m. The application also includes a proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) of approximately 20 MW. The Proposed Development will have a generating capacity in excess of 50 MW.

The Proposed Development is anticipated to have an operational life of 35 years.

The application had been prepared ready for submission in November 2023, but was delayed due to legal issues arising from the unfortunate death of the landowner. The Applicant has diligently worked to ensure that the application remains current, with all assessments and conclusions revised accordingly to reflect any modifications in cumulative impacts and policy that have arisen since November 2023.

Ramboll UK Ltd is acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of the Applicant.

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**Environmental Impact Assessment**

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which presents the results of the EIA undertaken by Ramboll. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations). The EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development.

**Advertisement**

Ramboll has arranged for a Public Notice, which was approved by the ECU, to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Hard copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Edinburgh Gazette – 10th January and 17th January 2025;
- The Herald – 10th January 2025;
- The Campbeltown Courier – 10th January and 17th January 2025; and
- The Argyllshire Advertiser - 10th January and 17th January 2025

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Application Documents**

This application is accompanied by the following documents:

**EIA Report**

- Volume 1: Non Technical Summary;
- Volume 2: Main Report;
- Volume 3a: Figures;
- Volume 3b: Visualisations; and
- Volume 4: Technical Appendices.

Other accompanying application documents

- Planning Statement;
- Design and Access Statement; and
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

The Carbon Calculator online tool has been completed and submitted to the ECU on 20th November 2023, as Technical Appendix 2.2.

This EIA Report, including all figures, technical appendices and accompanying documents are available to view and download on the project website ([www.esbenergy.co.uk/our-story-in-britain/about/our-story-in-britain/west-torrisdale-wind-farm](http://www.esbenergy.co.uk/our-story-in-britain/about/our-story-in-britain/west-torrisdale-wind-farm)) free of charge, or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

I trust the information provided and set out above 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,

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Managing Consultant