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ECU Ref: ECU00003468

**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 (Energy Consents Unit case reference: ECU00003468) to develop Vale of Leven Wind Farm, in West Dunbartonshire Council Area.**

Dear Kirstin,

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Vale of Leven Wind Farm. The application is made by Vale of Leven Wind Farm Limited, a joint venture between ESB Asset Management and Coriolis Energy.

Vale of Leven Wind Farm Limited is applying to develop Vale of Leven Wind Farm. The Proposed Development is anticipated to have an operational life of 40 years, after which it would be decommissioned and the turbines dismantled and removed. The Proposed Development is located within the Kilpatrick Hills, West Dunbartonshire. The nearest settlement to the site is Bonhill, which lies just over 2 km to the west of the nearest proposed turbine. The larger settlements of Alexandria and Dumbarton are approximately 4 km to the west and south-west of the site respectively.

The land use within the Site is dominated by upland moorland suitable for grazing sheep. The surrounding land use in the immediate vicinity is predominantly agricultural, with some areas of forestry to the west and east. Auchencarroch Landfill Site is located to the north-west of the Site.

The Proposed Development would involve the construction of ten wind turbines, each of a maximum blade tip height of 250 m. The individual turbine generating capacity is anticipated to be approximately 7 Megawatts (MW), with the total installed capacity for the Proposed Development in excess of 50 MW. The application also includes up to 20 MW of battery storage system (BESS).

RSK Environment Ltd (RSK) is acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application, and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of Vale of Leven Wind Farm Limited. The fee for the application was paid to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 4th of October 2023.

### Environmental Impact Assessment

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which presents the results of the EIA undertaken by RSK. 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 iterative EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts, and subsequently informed the final design layout of the Proposed Development. The various design iterations are detailed in Section 2.7 of **Chapter 2: Proposed Development of Volume 1** of the EIAR, and the final design being put forward for consent is presented on **Figure 2.5 of Volume 2a** of the EIAR.

### Advertisement

RSK has arranged for a Public Notice, which will be put forward for approval 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. Scanned copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

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| • Edinburgh Gazette:                    | 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023                                  |
| • The Herald:                           | 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023                                  |
| • Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Reporter: | 01 November 2023 and 8 <sup>th</sup> November                   |
| • The Lennox Herald:                    | 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023 and 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 |

The closing date for responses to the advertisements 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

### Application Documents

This application is supported by the following documents, as required, which have been uploaded to the ECU's Portal (ECU Ref: ECU00003468):

- Copy of the Public Notice placed in newspapers;
- Application boundary figure (see EIA Report **Volume 2a, Figure 1.1**);
- EIA Report, comprising:
  - Non-Technical Summary;
  - Volume 1: Main Report;
  - Volume 2: Figures and Visualisations;
  - Volume 3: Technical Appendices;
- Pre-Application Report;

- Design Statement; and
- Planning & Sustainable Place Statement.

Confidential Appendices of the EIA Report will be supplied to the relevant consultees separately.

The Carbon Calculator online tool was completed and is appended to **Chapter 14: Other Issues**.

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection, free of charge on the project website: <https://valeoflevenwindfarm.com/> 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.

Yours sincerely,

**For RSK Environment Ltd**

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Principal Environmental Consultant