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**Sofia Offshore Wind Farm – Deemed Marine Licence Variation – withdrawal request**

**Schedules 9 and 11 of The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015**

Dear Heather and Jamie,

I am writing to request withdrawal of a specific component that was part of the deemed Marine Licence variation application for changes to Schedules 9 and 11 of The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (“the DCO”) submitted in June 2018 (“the Variation Application”).

As you know, the variations originally requested to Schedules 9 and 11 correspond to the amendments that Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“SOWFL”) simultaneously applied to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“BEIS”) for in respect of the DCO itself (“the NMC Application”).

Since development consent was granted in 2015, SOWFL has been working on the detailed project design and the purpose of the proposed changes within both the NMC Application and the Variation Application was to better reflect the design and engineering options that will be used during construction.

Following consultation and further discussions with the MMO and BEIS, SOWFL understands that one element of the Variation Application - the request to increase the hammer energy for the installation of monopole foundations – is linked to the current consultation on the proposed wording for the Marine Licence Site Integrity Plan (“SIP”) Condition, which is being undertaken as a result of the Southern North Sea SCI Review of Consents. As a result, determination of the Variation Application would be delayed pending the completion of the consultation. Therefore, to enable the MMO to determine the current

Variation Application in advance of the completion of that consultation, SOWFL are writing to request that the Variation Application is amended to withdraw SOWFL's request to increase the maximum hammer energy to be employed during the installation of monopole foundations. As such, SOWFL requests that the Variation Application is now considered on the basis of a maximum 3,000kj hammer energy for up to 200 monopole foundations, which could be used to install either wind turbines or off-shore platforms. This change simply reflects the maximum 3,000kj hammer energy already consented for the installation of up to 200 wind turbine monopole foundations. I enclose track-changed and clean copies of the updated Schedules 9 and 11 of the DCO to reflect the change requested.

I confirm that the same request has been made to BEIS to amend the NMC Application.

I also confirm that once the consultation on the proposed SIP Condition has been completed, SOWFL intends to submit a further separate non-material change application, which will include the increase in hammer energy.

For clarification, SOWFL confirms that the following elements are to **remain** within the application:

No	Parameter	As Consented	Refined Project Design Non-Material Application
1	<b>Wind Turbine</b> Rotor Diameter	215 metres	288 metres
2	<b>Offshore Platforms</b> Foundation type	Gravity base or multileg foundations	Gravity base, multileg or monopole foundations. Monopole foundations may be up to 12m in diameter
3	<b>Maximum number monopoles</b> Combined number of WTG and offshore platform monopoles	200	200 (i.e. no change)
4	<b>Generating capacity</b> Increase of maximum generating capacity up to 1.4 gigawatts (GW)	1.2 GW	1.4 GW

SOWFL confirms that the following elements are to be **withdrawn** from the application and replaced as set out below:

No	Parameter	As Consented	Refined Project Design Existing NMC Application [ to be withdrawn]	Proposed Amendment to Existing NMC Application
1	<b>Wind Turbine</b> Hammer Energy	3,000 kJ	5,500 kJ	3,000 kJ
2	<b>Offshore Platform Monopole Foundations</b> Hammer energy	n/a	5,500 kJ	3,000 kJ

For the avoidance of doubt, this application does not relate to the Teesside A Project or the Shared Works and no substantive changes should be made to the DCO as it relates to Teesside A Project or the Shared Works (save for the changes that split the requirements between the projects). For the avoidance of doubt, SOWFL is not the applicant or a successor in title of the applicant in respect of the Teesside A Project, does not have an interest in land in respect of the Teesside A Project and does not have the benefit of the DCO in respect of the Teesside A Project. Furthermore, this application is not made on behalf of Project 3 Projco.

I trust that the above is satisfactory, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or alternatively our legal representative, Laura Fuller from Burges Salmon (0117 902 7232; [Laura.Fuller@burges-salmon.com](mailto:Laura.Fuller@burges-salmon.com)).

Yours sincerely,



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