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Dear SCREENING OPINION UNDER PART 2, REGULATION 11 OF THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) SCOTLAND REGULATIONS 2017 (AS AMENDED) ("the EIA Regulations") and PARAGRAPH 4 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 3 TO THE HARBOURS ACT 1964 ("the 1964 Act")

Thank you for your screening request, received on 28 June 2017.

The Scottish Ministers have reviewed the aforementioned information and have adopted the following screening opinion.

The proposed works are considered to fall under paragraph 1(e), 10(g) and 10(m) of schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations. In addition, they constitute a relevant project in terms of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act by virtue of their location and potential to have a significant environmental effects.

The Scottish Ministers are of the opinion that the proposed works are likely to have significant effects on the environment having considered the characteristics of the works, the location of the works and the characteristics of the potential impacts.

#### **Characteristics of the works**

- The size of the proposed works is 1.6 hectares.
- The proposed works are likely to cause nuisance to European Protected Species (EPS).
- The design of the proposed works involve multiple project phases which include a variety of methods including piling, land reclamation and dredging.

### **Location of the works**

- The works are located 8.5km from the Inner Hebrides and the minches candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC) and are likely to have a significant effect on the qualifying features.
- It is also likely that the proposed works will affect the following EPS species: Risso's dolphin, Short-beaked common dolphin, Killer whale, Minke whale, Bottlenose dolphin, Harbour porpoise and otters.
- There is evidence that the site could have significant archaeological interests.

### **Characteristics of the potential impact**

- There is the potential for cumulative impacts with the other proposed Harbour development works for Tarbert and Uig.
- The variety of methods proposed is such that these impacts are likely to be highly complex in nature.

On this basis the Scottish Ministers have concluded that the proposed works are an EIA project under the EIA Regulations and The 1964 Act and an environmental impact assessment must be carried out in respect of the works.

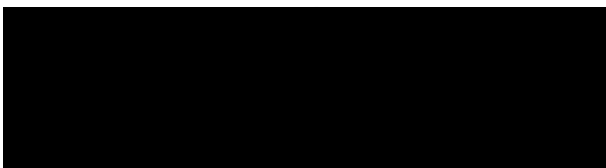
In considering your screening request the Scottish Ministers consulted with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Western Islands Council, The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Historic Environment Scotland. A copy of the consultation responses are attached for your review.

This screening opinion is based on the information you have provided as referred to above. If you increase, alter or extend the proposed works you are advised to contact Transport Scotland and Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team again to confirm if the screening opinion is still valid.

A copy of the screening opinion has been forwarded to Western Islands Council planning department.

Thank you for consulting with us on this matter. If you require any further assistance or advice on marine licence matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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