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Dear Sir/Madam

ECU ref: ECU00004577

Corriearth 2 Windfarm Grid Connection - Construction and Operation of the Corriearth 2 Windfarm 132 Kilovolts (kV) Overhead Transmission Line grid connection. Including the ancillary works of a permanent access track.

Section 37 of The Electricity Act 1989

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc is pleased to submit this application for the construction and operation of the new 132 kV Corriearth 2 Wind Farm Grid Connection overhead line. Including the ancillary works of a permanent access track.

The Proposed Development is required to connect the proposed Corriearth 2 Wind Farm (NH 57500 13000) to the national grid via a connection to the existing 132 kV transmission line connecting Corriearth Windfarm Substation to Farigaig Substation. The Proposed Development would consist of one 132 kV overhead line of approximately 70 metres in length and include the ancillary works of permanent access track of approximately 100 metres in length. The proposed overhead line would be supported by three wood pole structures located at the grid references as indicated in table 1 overleaf.

This application seeks consent for a limit of deviation (LoD) of 25 metres either side of the proposed OHL. The same LoD is also sought for the permanent access track.

The proposal has been developed with careful consideration of the potential environmental effects and it is our view that with mitigation in place, it would not result in unacceptable effects on the environment.

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Table 1: Indicative Pole Locations

Pole Number	Easting	Northing
1	254842	813932
2	254828	813912
3	254808	813886

The connection from the proposed Corriegarth 2 Wind Farm includes a section of underground cable (UGC). The UGC element of the connection, would be installed under the Town and Country Permitted Development (Scotland) Order 1992 (as amended) and as such does not form part of this application. The voluntary Environmental Appraisal (EA) that accompanies this Section 37 application does however assess and report on the UGC element in order to identify any environmental mitigation required.

The Proposed Development was subject of a request for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion under regulation 8(1) of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. The subsequent opinion (ECU reference ECU00003427) was received on 24th May 2022 confirming that the Proposed Development is not an EIA and an EIA is not required. Therefore, a voluntary Environmental Appraisal (EA) has been produced and submitted to support the application.

The application has been submitted along with the supporting documents as set out in Annex 1 of this letter. It is worth noting that the accompanying voluntary EA contains confidential ecology and ornithology information (Appendices 6-1 and 6-2) which cannot be made publicly available and hence will be emailed separately.

The application fee will be paid by BACS transfer with reference number **ECU37NCORRIEGART**.

We look forward to receiving formal confirmation of receipt of this application. In the meantime, should you have any queries or require further information, please contact me on the details above.

Yours faithfully

Keith Smith

Consents and Environment Manager

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ANNEX 1 – Planning Submission Documents

- Site Location Plan
- Site Plan
- Voluntary Environmental Appraisal (EA):

Voluntary EA

Chapter 1 – Introduction

Chapter 2 – Proposed Development

Chapter 3 – Planning Context

Chapter 4 – Appraisal Scope and Methodology

Chapter 5 – Landscape and Visual Impact

Chapter 6 – Ecology, Nature Conservation and Ornithology

Chapter 7 – Cultural Heritage

Chapter 8 – Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Geology

Chapter 9 – Summary of Mitigation Measures

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Figure 1-1 – Location Plan

Figure 1-2 – Proposed Development

Figure 1-3 – Environmental Constraints Plan

Figure 2-1 – Grid Connection Development OHL limit of Deviation and UGC
Assessment Area

Figure 7-1 – Heritage Assets

Figure 8-1 – Hydrological Constraints

Figure 8-2 – Soil and Peat Constraints

Appendices

Appendix 2-1 – General Environmental Management Plans (GEMPs)

Appendix 2-2 – Species Protection Plans (SPPs)

Appendix 2-3 – BNG Assessment Report

Appendix 6-1 – Confidential Habitat and Protected Species Baseline Report

Appendix 6-2 – Confidential Ornithological Baseline Report

Appendix 7-1 – Cultural Heritage Gazetteer

Appendix 8-1 – Soil and Peat Management Plan