To: Government, Local Authorities, Ofgem, Generation Developers, National Grid and other interested parties

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc
Statement on the Shetland transmission project

Scottish Hydro Electric (SHE) Transmission plc, previously SHETL, is in the process of securing consents for converter stations and the proposed subsea/onshore underground HVDC transmission link between the Shetland Islands and the Scottish mainland to accommodate renewable energy developments in Shetland.

The link would also connect properties in Shetland to the mainland electricity network for the first time and could be installed in the second half of this decade.

SHE Transmission is undertaking a review of the basis of the economic appraisal for the investment, in the light of potential cost increases. A further update on progress will be provided by the end of the year.