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Crystal Rig Solar – Application Covering Letter

Dear Mr McKenzie

Following previous discussions and Gate Check, please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for a direction that planning consent be deemed to be granted under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for the proposed development of Crystal Rig Solar (the Proposed Development). The Proposed Development is located in the Scottish Borders and East Lothian, approximately 13 kilometres (km) south of Dunbar and is an extension to the Crystal Rig Wind Farm and as such the proposed development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been produced.

The application for consent is being submitted by Natural Power Consultants Limited (Natural Power) on behalf of Fred. Olsen Renewables Limited (the Applicant) [Company Registration Number - 13633932, 2nd Floor, 36 Broadway, London, England, SW1H 0BH].

The Proposed Development comprises of the following main elements:

The application includes the following infrastructure:

- Two solar Photovoltaic (PV) arrays comprising of export capacity of up to 27 Megawatts alternating current (MWac).
- Approximately 55,000 solar panels;
- On site substation;
- Access tracks;
- Underground electricity cables;
- String Inverters;
- Site signage;
- Drainage and drainage attenuation measures (as required);
- Transformers;
- CCTV and fencing; and
- Habitat management areas

The application is for two solar arrays comprising of a generating export capacity of up to 27 MWac. The Proposed Development is intended to operate for up to 35 years.

In addition to this covering letter, the application is supported by accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report and Planning and Renewable Energy Statement (PRES). The EIAR comprises of four volumes as follows:

- Volume 1 of the EIAR is dedicated to the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) which is a summary of the key details of the project and aims to be accessible to a variety of readers.
- Volume 2 contains the EIAR chapters and assessments.
- Volume 3a contains figures (except Landscape and Visual and Cultural Heritage).
- Volume 3b contains the Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) figures and visualisations and Cultural Heritage figures and visualisations.
- Volume 4 contains Appendices.

All of the above documents (besides the confidential figure) have been submitted to the ECU Portal (case reference: ECU00004571 and will be available from late June 2024 on the Applicant's website: [Crystal Rig Solar Farm \(fredolsenrenewables.com\)](https://fredolsenrenewables.com)

The Applicant intends to advertise the application as follows:

- Edinburgh Gazette – one week
- Berwickshire News – two weeks
- East Lothian Courier – two weeks
- The Herald – one day and 31 days online

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chris Ward
Project Manager

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cc. Julie Aitken [Redacted]