

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF MOOIR VANNIN OFFSHORE WINDFARM LIMITED (IP: 20049495)

IN CONNECTION WITH THE Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Farm

## Introduction

- 1.1 This submission is provided in response to the request for further information dated 18 July 2025 issued by the Secretary of State ("SoS") in respect of the application by Morgan Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the "Applicant") for an Order under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act") granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets (the "Project").
- 1.2 Mooir Vannin Offshore Windfarm Limited ("MVOWFL") participated in the examination of the Project in respect of issues arising out of the interrelationship between the Project and the proposed Mooir Vannin Offshore Windfarm ("Mooir Vannin").

## 2. Response to request for further information

- 2.1 In the request for further information, the SoS invited all interested parties to comment on the information provided in response to his information request of 19 June 2025.
- 2.2 MVOWFL wishes to briefly respond to the submission provided by the Applicant dated 3 July 2025.

## Wake effects

- 2.3 First, MVOWFL wishes to comment on the Applicant's draft requirement regarding wake effects, set out in section 3 of its submission.
- 2.4 As set out in MVOWFL's previous submissions<sup>1</sup>, MVOWFL anticipates that the Project will result in wake losses at Mooir Vannin. As such, Mooir Vannin should be included in any requirement included in the development consent order for the Project, which addresses wake effects.
- 2.5 While it is acknowledged the necessary consents are yet to be obtained for Mooir Vannin, it is reiterated that the Mooir Vannin site was awarded to Ørsted in November 2015, well before the round 4 bidding process relevant to the Project concluded. As such, the Applicant has been on notice of the potential for the Project to adversely impact Mooir Vannin well before the application for the Project was lodged. Additionally, it is noted that Mooir Vannin will be the first (and possibly only) offshore wind development in the Isle of Man jurisdiction. In this context, it would not be appropriate for the Applicant to be allowed to ignore potentially significant wake effects on a neighbouring development.

## Shipping and navigation

- 2.6 Additionally, MVOWFL notes the comments by both the Applicant and the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company ("IoMSPC") that negotiations are ongoing regarding a possible ferry mitigation agreement. During the examination, MVOWFL and the Applicant were in agreement that the gap between the developments was sufficient from a shipping and navigation perspective. IoMSPC's position during the examination was that the gap should be increased.
- 2.7 MVOWFL considers that if agreement is reached between IoMSPC and the Applicant, clarification should be provided regarding whether IoMSPC is satisfied with the distance between Mooir Vannin and the Project.
- 2.8 As set out in MVOWFL's closing statement [REP6-090], the adequacy of the gap between the developments is an important issue which must be resolved in the examination and decision making relating to the Project. It would not be appropriate to leave this matter as a residual issue to be dealt with subsequently in the Isle of Man territory. That would clearly be a significant transboundary effect that has not been evaluated by the Applicant.

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In particular, [REP5-077] and [REP6-090].