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Dear Kirstin,

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND DIRECTION FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 57(2) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997, AS AMENDED TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE HAGSHAW ENERGY CLUSTER – WESTERN EXPANSION (PHASE 1) IN THE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE AND EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL AREAS (ECU CASE REFERENCE ECU00004623)**

On behalf of Spirebush Ltd (Company Registration Number SC697238) please find enclosed documents supporting this application made under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for consent to construct and operate a generating station incorporating wind turbine generators, solar photovoltaic panels, energy storage and associated infrastructure, with a generating capacity in excess of 50 MW.

The project is to be referred to as Hagshaw Energy Cluster – Western Expansion (Phase 1) (the 'Proposed Development') and is located across the boundaries of South Lanarkshire and East Ayrshire, centred at British National Grid (BNG) NS 70740 325550

The Proposed Development is planned to comprise approximately 415 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy generation and energy storage output capacity, including:

- approximately 130 MW wind energy, comprising 18 wind turbines and associated infrastructure with a ground to blade tip height of up to 230 metres;
- approximately 60 MW solar energy, comprising photovoltaic modules up to 3 metres in height and associated infrastructure;
- approximately 25 MW short duration BESS (up to 4-hours discharge duration); and
- approximately 200 MW long duration BESS (minimum of 8-hours discharge duration).

It should be noted that although the Proposed Development comprises a total of approximately 415 MW of renewable energy generation and energy storage output capacity, no more than 400 MW will be exported to the grid at any one time.

The Proposed Development is anticipated to have an operational life of 40 years.

The Proposed Development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and as such an EIA Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ('the EIA Regulations'). The EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Development. In accordance with Part 1 Schedule 5(5) of the EIA Regulations. The EIA Report was prepared by competent experts, details of their qualifications are provided in Volume 1, Chapter 1 of the EIA Report.

The application has been uploaded electronically to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit portal and comprises the documentation set out below.

EIA Report

- Non-Technical Summary
- Volume 1: Written Statement

- Volume 2: Figures
- Volume 3: Visualisations
- Volume 4: Technical Appendices
- Confidential Appendix on Protected Species (provided to NatureScot, RSPB, South Lanarkshire Council, and East Ayrshire Council only).

Other accompanying application documents:

- Planning Statement
- Pre-Application Consultation Report
- Economic and Community Impact Report
- Advertisement Notice

All the application documents (with the exception of the Confidential Appendix on Protected Species) are available to view and download on the project website free of charge:

<https://3renergy.co.uk/projects/hagshaw-energy-cluster-western-expansion/>

or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

The application will be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the EIA Regulations. Copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Herald: 29 April 2025;
- The Edinburgh Gazette: 29 April 2025;
- The East Kilbride News: 30 April 2025 and 07 May April 2025;
- The Cumnock Chronicle 30 April 2025 and 07 May 2025; and
- On the project website.

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is 06 June 2025.

The application fee of £336,000.00 has been transferred by BACS to the nominated Scottish Government bank account by Spirebush Ltd.

On the basis of the information provided in the supporting documents that are lodged in support of this application, the Applicant requests that should the Scottish Ministers grant Section 36 consent under the 1989 Act that a direction be issued under section 57(2) of the 1997 Act granting deemed planning permission for the Proposed Development subject to planning conditions.

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours sincerely

For and on behalf of Spirebush Ltd



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