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Dear Mr Park

Submission of Shepherds' Rig wind farm section 36 application, plantation land between Marscalloch Hill and Craigengillan Hill, approximately 6km to the east of Carsphairn, northern Dumfries and Galloway.

On behalf of SETT Wind Development Limited (Company Number: 10988810) I am writing to submit an application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct, operate and decommission a wind farm with a generating capacity in excess of 50MW, consisting of up to 19 wind turbines and associated infrastructure, including a battery energy storage facility. Seventeen of the wind turbines have a ground to blade tip height of 149.9m and two have a ground to blade tip height of 125m.

SETT Wind Development Limited also seeks a direction from the Scottish Ministers under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission be deemed to be granted for the proposed wind farm.

SETT Wind Development Limited is a company formed by Infinergy Limited and Boralex LLP. Infinergy is a UK based renewable energy company with a strong focus on the development of onshore wind energy in Scotland and Wales. Boralex LLP is a Canadian based independent power provider. Boralex has developed, and now operates, a large portfolio of wind farms as well as a number of solar parks, primarily in Canada and France. The company also owns and operates large hydro-electricity projects in Canada. Boralex is investing in a portfolio of Infinergy wind farm proposals in Scotland, and the Shepherds' Rig project is included within this programme.

The Proposed Development is subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the terms of the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. An updated scoping opinion was issued in May 2018 with the Gatecheck one stage undertaken in July 2018, and an EIA Report has been prepared.

The Section 36 application is accompanied by the following documents:

EIA Report

Non-technical summary

Volume 1: Written Statement

Volume 2: Figures

Volume 3: Landscape and Visual and Cultural Heritage Visualisations

Volume 4: Appendices

Other accompanying application documents (not part of the EIA Report)

Planning Statement
Statement of Community Consultation

There are two confidential EIA Report appendices, one relating to ornithology which will be provided as a hard copy to Scottish Natural Heritage and the Energy Consents Unit and the other relating to noise and candidate turbine manufacturer's technical information, which will be provided as a hard copy to the Environmental Health Officer at Dumfries and Galloway Council and the Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

Volume 2 of the EIA Report consists of the A3 figures associated with the written statement chapters.

Volume 3 of the EIA Report provides all of the visualisations and comprises three sections: the landscape and visual visualisations; cumulative landscape and visual visualisations including schemes in scoping and at the rear of the volume, the cultural heritage visualisations.

Enclosed with this letter is an application plan (Figure 1) which shows the application red line boundary. Figures showing the overall wind farm layout and other elements of the project infrastructure are included in section four of Volume 2 of the EIA Report.

As previously discussed, it is understood that you will be forwarding the link to the ECU application webpage to the relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees and requesting their response to the application. Infinergy is arranging for additional hard copies and/or CDs of the EIA Report and other application documents to be sent to those consultees who have already requested them.

Please find enclosed one hard copy set of the submission documents for the ECU, hard copies of the confidential appendices and two CDs of the application documents.

The application fee of £18,000 is being made via a BACS payment.

The EIA Report and other accompanying application documents will be available for public viewing at the following venues:

Carsphairn Community Council
(by prior arrangement)
Lagwyne Hall
Carsphairn
Castle Douglas
DG7 3TQ

Dumfries and Galloway Council
Development Management
Kirkbank House
English Street
Dumfries
DG1 2HS

Scottish Government Library,
41 Victoria Quay,
Broomhouse Drive,
Edinburgh,
EH6 6QQ



The application notice will be published in the Edinburgh Gazette, the Herald Newspaper and the Galloway News. Please note we are advertising a date of Friday **1st March 2019** as the timescale for responses to be received, which is longer than the usual 30 day period.

I hope that the information submitted is appropriate to enable you to confirm that the application can be circulated to consultees. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like anything further.

Yours sincerely



Richard Frost
Project Director