



AECOM Limited

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By email to [REDACTED]

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT UIG HARBOUR – HARBOUR REVISION ORDER– EIA SCREENING REQUEST

1. Thank you for your letter of 21 July 2017 on behalf of the Highland Council advising of the intention to seek a harbour revision order (HRO) to empower the Council to undertake works at Uig Harbour and requesting a screening opinion.
2. Where Scottish Ministers are notified of a proposed HRO which authorises a project they are required in terms of paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act to decide
 - (i) whether that application relates to a project which falls within Annex I or Annex II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (as amended by Council Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC) (“the Directive”) and
 - (ii) if it relates to a project which falls within Annex II, whether taking into account the selection criteria, the project is a relevant project.
3. The Scottish Ministers have considered the characteristics of the project (as described and shown on the draft submitted plans and drawings) and have concluded that:
 - (i) the application falls within paragraph 10(e) of Annex II to Council Directive 85/337/EEC, as the application relates to the construction of a port installation; and,
 - (ii) that it is a relevant project in terms of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act by virtue of its location and its potential to have a significant environmental effect on harbour porpoise within the Inner Hebrides and the Minches candidate Special Area of Conservation, and on other cetacean species.
4. Accordingly an Environmental Statement is required in terms of the 1964 Act. I will consult with Marine Scotland, Highland Council Planning colleagues and the

environmental bodies and we will provide a joint scoping opinion in regard to the content of the required environmental statement in due course.

Yours sincerely

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