Dear KJ and Josh,

## Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets (the "Project")

## Notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 46 'duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application' of the Planning Act 2008

I write on behalf of Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (the "Applicant") in connection with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets. The Applicant is a joint venture between Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios, S.A. ("Cobra") and Flotation Energy Ltd.

The Applicant is proposing to submit an application (the "Proposed Application") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) to authorise the construction of the Project. The Project consists of a proposed offshore windfarm located in the east Irish Sea. It is anticipated to generate a nominal capacity of 480 megawatts (MW) and produce renewable power for over 500,000 homes in the United Kingdom (UK). At its nearest point, the windfarm site is approximately 30km from the shore of the Lancashire coast. The windfarm will help the UK to achieve its target of generating 50GW of power from offshore wind by 2030. The Project will comprise of the following elements:

- Up to 40 offshore wind turbine generators
- Up to two offshore substation platforms
- Platform link (interconnector) cables
- Inter-array cables

Wind turbines and offshore substation platforms will be located within the offshore windfarm site and fixed to the seabed with foundation structures. The transmission infrastructure to connect the Project to the National Grid will be for the subject of a separate application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO"). This separate application will be for the transmission assets for both the Project and the Morgan Offshore Wind Farm Generation Assets. The Proposed Application will also cover the operation and maintenance of the Project.

This email represents the Applicant's notification to the Secretary of State of the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 46 'Duty to notify secretary of state of proposed application' of the PA 2008.

Section 42 'Duty to consult' of the PA 2008 requires prospective applicants for development consent to consult on their proposed application with those persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008.

The Applicant will commence consultation pursuant to Section 42 by issuing an email or letter (the 'Consultation Email / Letter') accompanied with access to consultation documents (the 'Consultation Documents') to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 on the 19 April 2023.

A notice pursuant to Section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the PA 2008 will be published in The Guardian, London Gazette, local newspapers (Liverpool Echo, Blackpool Gazette, Lancashire

Evening Post, Daily Post, Golwg, The Barrow Mail and Isle of Man Courier), Fishing News and Lloyd's List, circulated on 12 April 2023 and for a second successive week in the above local newspapers.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 (the "EIA Regulations"). We are therefore consulting on the potential environmental effects of the Project and whether consultees have suggestions for reducing these effects. This information is in the PEIR – a website link will be provided to prescribed consultees for the purposes of complying with Section 42 of the PA 2008. Printed paper copies will be provided on request.

In accordance with Regulation 13 'Pre-application publicity under Section 48 (duty to publicise)' of the EIA Regulations, the Applicant will also send a copy of the Section 48 Notice to the relevant consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with EIA Regulation 11(1)(c) on 19 April 2023.

The deadline stated in the Consultation Letter (and on the Section 48 Notice) for the receipt of comments and representations on the Proposed Application is 23:59, 4 June 2023.

The Consultation Documents that are to be provided to the persons specified in the PA 2008, and regulations made pursuant to the PA 2008 are contained on a download link that accompanies their Consultation Email / Letter and include:

- Statutory Consultation Brochure, which outlines the Project, consultation activities and summarises the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).
- Plan showing the extent of the Project (see pages 12 and 13 of the consultation brochure).
- Statutory Consultation Feedback Form, which provides a structured method for consultees to provide their feedback.
- Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC"), which sets out how we will consult local communities during our statutory consultation.
- Statutory Consultation Poster, which explains how people can take part in consultation, attend an event and provide feedback.
- A copy of the notice published in accordance with Section 48 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations.
- PEIR, which details the potential environmental effects of the project and its Non-Technical Summary, which is a more succinct and easier-to-read summary of the PEIR's key points.

The above items, along with a copy of our Section 42 letter and Section 47 notice, can also be found on the Project website at (for the duration of the consultation (19 April to 4 June 2023). They are all available for the Planning Inspectorate to view and download via this link: Additionally, the Consultation Documents will also be provided to the Planning Inspectorate via WeTransfer.

Printed copies of the Statutory Consultation Brochure, Statutory Consultation Feedback Form, PEIR NTS, SoCC, as well as the PEIR in full on a USB memory stick, will be available to view for the duration of consultation at the below deposit locations:

Deposit location	Opening times
Henry Bloom Noble Library, 8 Duke Street,	Mon-Weds and Fri: 8.30am-5pm
Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2AY	Thurs: 10am-7pm Sat: 9am-4pm
Ramsey Town Library, Parliament Square,	Mon-Thurs and Sat: 9am-4:30pm
Ramsey, Isle of Man IM8 1RT	Fri: 9am-4:00pm
Abbots Vale Community Centre, Barrow-in-	Mon-Fri: 9am-8pm
Furness LA13 9PA	
Barrow-in-Furness Main Public Library,	Mon-Thurs: 9:30am-6pm
Barrow-in-Furness, Ramsden Square LA14 1LL	Fri: 9:30am-5pm
	Sat: 10am-4pm
Egremont Community Centre, Egremont	Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
Mission, Guildford Street, Wallasey CH44 0BP	
Penwortham Town Council and Community	Mon-Thurs: 10am to 3pm
Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham,	Fri: 10am to 2pm
Preston PR1 9EQ	
Preston City Council Town Hall, Lancaster	Mon-Weds and Fri: 9am to 5pm
Road, Preston PR1 2RL	Thurs: 10am to 5pm
Southport Library, Lord Street, Southport	Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm
PR8 1DJ	Sat: 10am-2pm
Amlwch Library, Parys Road, Amlwch,	Tues: 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5pm
Anglesey LL68 9EA	Weds, Fri, Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm
	Thurs: 2pm to 7pm
Bangor Public Library, Gwynedd Road,	Mon-Tues: 9:30am to 6:30pm
Bangor LL57 1DT	Weds-Fri: 9:30am to 5pm
	Sat: 9:30am to 1pm
Llandudno Library, 48 Mostyn Street,	Mon-Weds and Fri: 9am to 5:30pm
Llandudno LL30 2RP	Thurs: 10am to 7pm
	Sat: 9:30am to 3pm
Rhyl Library, Museum and Arts Centre,	Mon: 9:30am-6pm
Church Street, Rhyl, LL18 3AA	Tues-Fri: 9:30am-5pm
	Sat: 9:30am-12.30pm

(Opening times correct as of April 2023)

Also attached for information is a copy of the email to be sent to prescribed consultees under Section 42 (1a) and Section 43 (42 1b) of the PA 2008.

I look forward to receiving the Secretary of State's acknowledgement of the Applicant's notification of the Proposed Application pursuant to Section 46 'Duty to notify secretary of state of proposed application' of the PA 2008. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: <u>@flotationenergy.com</u>.

Yours sincerely,

Khaleda Chowdhury