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Subject: FW: Consultation: Sofia Offshore Wind Farm NMC Application. - EN010051

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Attachments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to you in response to a letter from Kim Gauld-Clark of Innogy Renewables UK Ltd (dated 13th May 2020) in relation to a Non-Material Amendment for the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm (EN010051). Please find the detail of our advice in the attached document.

Best wishes, Pip

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2nd July 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to you in response to a letter from Kim Gauld-Clark of Innogy Renewables UK Ltd (dated 13th May 2020) in relation to a Non-Material Amendment for the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm. As such, we have reviewed the document supplied to us, along with our previous correspondence relating to this project and wish to make the following comments.

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We acknowledge that the above referenced letter has been submitted to us in support of a Non-Material Change to the Sofia (formerly known as Dogger Bank Teesside B) Development Consent Order (DCO - SI 2015 No.1592). We understand from the report that the changes proposed are:

- To increase the maximum hammer energy permitted for offshore piling for wind turbine monopiles from 3,000KJ to 4,000KJ,
- Revisions to definitions used within DCO to clarify the authorised development assessed within the environmental statement
- Consent to lay cables between the wind turbines and the offshore converter platform





- Increase the number of fibre-optic cables laid within the HVDC cables from one to two, within Work Nos. 1B, 2B and 3B
- Corrections to ensure consistency in cross-referencing with dML conditions in Variation 2 of Schedules 9 and 11 issued on 25 April 2019

We acknowledge the detail presented in the letter (H. Thomas at Innogy Renewables UK Limited to J. Dawkins at BEIS, dated 13th May 2020) and its appendices regarding the changes proposed to the Development Consent Order for the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm. We note the changes proposed do not adversely affect conditions in relation to the avoidance, minimisation and mitigation of impacts to the marine historic environment. As such, we have no issue with the proposed changes and have no further comments to make at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

Pip Naylor,

Marine Planning Archaeological Officer



