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Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm (Ref. EN01037)

Submission for Examination

Deadline 4

4 November 2024

Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC): Errata and updated documents

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Errata and updated documents

JNCC has raised the difficulty of tracing through the assessment inputs from the various errata and updated documents in previous submissions to Examination (<u>REP1-066</u>, paragraphs 6-8) and have highlighted again these difficulties in our response to the Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-combination Gap-filling Historical Projects Technical Note (<u>REP3-044</u>) and Offshore ornithology supporting information in line with SNCB advice (<u>REP3-059</u>) in this submission to Deadline 4.

We welcome the work the Applicant has done in listing the errors in the Errata sheet (most recent version submitted in <u>REP3-075</u>) that have been identified throughout the Application documents and through the additional submissions and we also welcome the provision of the Offshore Ornithology Errata Clarification Note (<u>REP3-073</u>). However, there is a need for the final impact assessments based on all the corrections that have occurred through the examination to be clear and for it be clear as to which documents the inputs to these final impact assessments can be found in. In our view, it is essential that the assessments are transparent and coherent for a robust decision in this case, and will be essential to enable future projects to populate their cumulative and in-combination assessments. Our preference to achieve this is that all affected Environmental Statement and HRA documents are updated and submitted at the close of Examination. We also request that, once SNCB methodological concerns that remain following the Applicant's Deadline 3 submission have been addressed, that the Applicant submits a 'final position' summary document into the Examination that details or tabulates the impact estimates (alone and cumulatively/incombination) according to the SNCB advised approach and that of the Applicant.

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