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**Application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and direction for deemed planning permission under Section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended (Energy Consents Unit case reference: ECU00004552) to Repower and Extend the existing Ben Aketil Wind Farm, in the Highland Council Planning Authority Area.**

Dear Mr Stirrat,

Please find enclosed an application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989) and deemed planning permission for the proposed Repowered and Extended Ben Aketil Wind Farm. The application is made by Renantis UK Limited (formerly Falck Renewables Wind Limited).

Renantis UK Limited (Renantis) is applying to repower and extend the existing Ben Aketil Wind Farm. The Proposed Development is anticipated to have an operational life of 35 years, after which it would be decommissioned and the turbines dismantled and removed. The Proposed Development is located northwest of the highest point of Ben Aketil within the north western part of the Isle of Skye in the Highland Council area. The Site sits within broadly undulating upland moorland, gently sloping downwards from northeast to southwest. As well as being used for the generation of renewable energy, the Site is currently utilised by crofters, predominantly for sheep grazing. The Proposed Development covers approximately 1043 ha and is shown in Figure 2.1 of Volume 2a of the EIA Report (EIAR).

The Proposed Development would involve the removal of the existing twelve 99.5 m tall turbines, and the construction of nine new wind turbines, each of a maximum blade tip height of 200 m. The individual turbine generating capacity is anticipated to be approximately 5.6 to 6.6 Megawatts (MW), with the total installed capacity for the Proposed Development in excess of 50 MW. The application also includes approximately 20 MW of battery storage system (BESS).



RSK Environment Ltd (RSK) is acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application, and hereby submit this application to the Scottish Ministers on behalf of Renantis. The fee for the application was paid to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 30 May 2023.

### Environmental Impact Assessment

This application is supported by an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, which presents the results of the EIA undertaken by RSK. The EIA has been prepared in accordance with Section 36 of the Electricity Act and The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (as amended) (the EIA Regulations). The iterative EIA process has identified and assessed the potential environmental impacts, and subsequently informed the final design layout of the Proposed Development. The various design iterations are detailed in Section 2.5 of Chapter 2: Proposed Development of Volume 1 of the EIAR, and the final design being put forward for consent is presented on Figure 2.3 of Volume 2a of the EIAR.

### Advertisement

RSK has arranged for a Public Notice, which will be put forward for approval by the ECU, to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 (as amended) and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Scanned copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published as follows:

- The Herald: 16 June 2023
- Edinburgh Gazette: 16 June 2023
- West Highland Free Press: 16 June 2023 and 23 June 2023

The closing date for responses to the advertisements is 23 July 2023.

### Application Documents

This application is supported by the following documents, as required, which have been uploaded to the ECU's Portal (ECU Ref: ECU00004552):

- Copy of the Public Notice placed in newspapers;
- Application boundary figure (see EIA Report Volume 2a, Figure 2.1);
- EIA Report, comprising:
  - Non-Technical Summary;
  - Volume 1: Main Report;
  - Volume 2: Figures and Visualisations;
  - Volume 3: Technical Appendices;
- Pre-Application Report;
- Design and Access Statement; and

- Planning Statement.

Volume 4: Confidential Appendices of the EIA Report will be supplied to the relevant consultees separately.

The Carbon Calculator online tool was completed and submitted to the ECU on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023, reference: DWB1-CKFP-QSES.

Copies of the application documents are available for public inspection, free of charge on the project website: <https://benaketilwindfarm.co.uk/> or on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot).

I trust the information provided and set out above is sufficient for you to formally validate and commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Yours sincerely,

**For RSK Environment Ltd**

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