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Planning application for Cromarty Hydrogen Project under Section 32 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed an application for planning permission under Section 32 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for erection of a hydrogen production and storage facility (Class 3: Business & General Industry, Storage and Distribution), road haul tanker loading facility, underground electricity connection, import substation, improvements to existing access road, site offices, parking, gatehouse and perimeter fencing, temporary construction and laydown area and ancillary development (the 'Proposed Development') at land to the east of the Beinn Tharsuinn Windfarm (NGR NH 64225 81469), falling within The Highland Council local authority area.

ScottishPower Energy Retail Limited ('SPERL') ('the Applicant') and Storegga Hydrogen Limited ('Storegga') are joint development partners for the Proposed Development. It will be powered by 100% renewable energy provided by ScottishPower Renewables either from the co-located onshore wind generation at Beinn Tharsuinn or through power purchase agreements with off-site renewable generation. The application site is privately owned and covers an area of approximately 11.9 ha and an indicative floorspace of 3616 m².

RSK is acting as the agent and lead consultant for this application and hereby submits this application to The Highland Council on behalf of the Applicant.

In addition, notice has been given to the landowner for the site on 31 October 2023.

This application is accompanied by the following documents:

- Application form;
- Supporting Statement;
- Environmental Appraisal Report;



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Internal Use

- Location plan;
 - Site plan;
 - Proposed elevations;
 - Carbon Balance Assessment;
 - Landscape and visual appraisal (including visualisations);
 - Ecological appraisal (including outline biodiversity enhancement measures);
 - Hydrology, hydrogeology, geology and soils assessment (including Peat Management Plan and Drainage Impact Assessment);
 - Noise assessment;
 - Schedule of Mitigation;
 - Decommissioning and Restoration Plan.
- Pre-application Consultation Report;
 - Design and Access Statement (including Sustainable Design Checklist);
 - Planning Statement; and
 - Transport Statement (including Construction Traffic Management Plan).

It is the applicant's intention to conduct an additional in person and virtual public information event to provide feedback to members of the public in respect of comments received by the applicant during previous consultation events and to present the final proposals. This event will be advertised in the Ross-shire Journal and Northern Times a minimum of 7 days before the event and adverts will be distributed to local properties. In addition, materials will be hosted on the project website (www.cromartyhydrogenproject.co.uk), which is free and publicly accessible.

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

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries or require any further information.

For RSK Company Limited

