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Subject: MD-LOT Offshore Energy Consents Ministerial Update - Comment for review by 30 August

Date: 28 August 2023 08:32:00

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Good morning [Redacted]

Please see below link to the draft MD-LOT Offshore Energy Consents Ministerial Update for August.

[Offshore Energy Consents - Ministerial Update - August 2023 details - Objective ECM \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#)

An update on the judicial review for the [Redacted] has been included. Can you please review this update and advise if you are content with the wording?

Many thanks,
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Subject: Offshore Energy Consents - Ministerial Update - July 2023
Date: 27 July 2023 08:24:00
Attachments: [Offshore Energy Consents - Ministerial Update - July 2023.docx](#)

P/S Minister for Energy and the Environment

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4. Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas projects

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Yours sincerely,

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**Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team
Monthly Update – July 2023**

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* Description consists of 1) type of infrastructure 2) total capacity displayed as either – *proposed*, consented/licensed, **constructed** 3) approximate location.

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Subject: Offshore Energy Consents - Ministerial Update - May 2023 (A43548819)

P/S Minister for Energy

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Good Afternoon [Redacted]

Thanks for this.

Ms Martin has noted.

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to Minister for Energy – Gillian Martin

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