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Dear Kilmaronock Community Council

VALE OF LEVEN WIND FARM PROPOSAL

We are writing to introduce Coriolis Energy and ESB and our plans for a wind farm proposal, called Vale of Leven Wind Farm, located to the east and north east of the Vale of Leven area.

We are at the early stages of the wind farm proposal and have carried out initial assessments of the site. Our next step is to consult on the plans more widely and we plan to submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Request to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in the coming weeks. As one of the community councils local to the proposed wind farm, the Scottish Government will formally provide the community council with the EIA Scoping Request and ask for any comments to incorporate into the EIA Scoping Opinion. We have also recently submitted a planning application for an anemometer mast to West Dunbartonshire Council, which if consented will record wind speed and direction.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet (either virtually or in-person following Covid-19 guidance) to introduce the project. In the meantime, we have recently set up a project website at www.valeoflevenwindfarm.com, which includes details on the plans and a site location map. We will upload a copy of the EIA Scoping Request document and other material as we progress the project.

At present the proposals would be for up to 19 turbines, up to 200m to tip in height, with an overall capacity of approximately 133MW. As our environmental consultants progress studies on site, it is possible that the number of turbines may reduce in number and/or size. The proposals include plans to co-locate battery storage on site to maximise the use of the grid connection.

The site is on rough grazing moorland, largely within an 'Area with potential for Wind Energy Development' and we believe it has good wind speeds. The project could deliver enough renewable energy to power over 90,000 homes, making an important contribution towards the Scottish Government and West Dunbartonshire Council's net zero targets. We want to ensure that the project's environmental and economic benefits stay in the local area.

Coriolis Energy & ESB

The wind farm proposals are a partnership between Coriolis Energy and ESB. Coriolis Energy, with offices in Glasgow, is an independent UK renewable energy developer and we have delivered 15

renewable energy projects around the UK and more than 100MW of operational onshore wind farm capacity.

ESB is Ireland's premier energy company and a leading independent power generator in the UK market. ESB has offices in Glasgow and is an energy provider to more than 1.5 million customers, including businesses and householders across Scotland and in the rest of the UK. As well as onshore and offshore wind, ESB is heavily involved in electric vehicle infrastructure and renewable heating systems, such as the low-carbon heating and cooling system it has installed at V&A Dundee.

We have recently joined the Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce and are encouraging local suppliers to register their interest on the project website. We are committed to working with local businesses and we will organise Meet the Developer events to outline opportunities.

In regard to a community benefit process, the Vale of Leven Wind Farm proposal includes a community benefit package of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity (index linked), which could generate over £665,000 per annum for the lifetime of the project. In addition to community benefit, we are committed to offering shared ownership of the project, giving the local community the opportunity to invest in the wind farm.

Next Steps

We would welcome the opportunity to meet, either virtually or in-person in line with Covid-19 guidance, to introduce the project and some of the team. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me by using the contact details below with any questions on the proposals.

We plan to hold our first public consultation events later in the year and we will write again with more details and advertise these events in the local press.

Thank you for the opportunity to outline our proposals, and we look forward to engaging with you throughout the project.

Yours sincerely

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