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Preface

This Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') Report has been prepared by WSP UK Limited ('WSP') on behalf of the Applicant, RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Limited ('RWE').

This EIA Report sets out the findings of an EIA, which has been prepared to accompany the application under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) seeking planning permission for the proposed Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm ('the Proposed Development'), located in East Ayrshire approximately 6km to the south-west of New Cumnock and approximately 9km east of Dalmellington, just to the north of the border with Dumfries and Galloway ('the Development Site'). The Applicant proposes to erect up to 2 wind turbines and ancillary infrastructure within the Development Site for the purpose of generating electricity from wind energy. A battery storage facility is also proposed. Chapter 3 of the EIA Report provides further information on the location and description of the Proposed Development.

RWE is the global number two in development and operation of offshore wind and has a goal to become climate-neutral by 2040 (this involves reduction of greenhouse gas ('GHG') emissions beyond just carbon and also involves some contribution /compensation for emissions caused). To achieve this goal, RWE is reducing its carbon dioxide ('CO₂') emissions as quickly and drastically as possible, by phasing out or converting conventional power plants. RWE has already cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 60 million tonnes of CO₂ between 2012 and 2018, resulting in a 33% reduction. No other company in Germany has achieved more in the last few years and RWE is determined to continue this.

The EIA has been undertaken in accordance with Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations') and the content of the EIA Report has been sub-divided into the following four parts:

- **Non-Technical Summary (NTS)** – summarises the EIA Report Main Text (Volume 1) and provides a brief description of the Proposed Development, outlining the conclusions of the EIA in non-technical language;
- **Volume 1 (this volume): Main Report** – reports the findings of the EIA in full. This volume contains a detailed description of the Proposed Development. It evaluates the existing environment, identifies and assesses the predicted environmental effects that could occur as a result of the Proposed Development. It provides a detailed analysis of the design procedure and how environmental measures (mitigation/enhancements) have been incorporated into the design to prevent, reduce or offset environmental effects identified. It describes the reasonable alternatives that were taken into account and provides reasons for selecting the Proposed Development and the Development Site;
- **Volume 2: Illustrative Figures** – the figures accompanying the Main Report containing all the illustrative material referred to in Volume 1, including regional and local maps, wind farm design details, photomontages (simulated views of the Proposed Development) and technical diagrams; and
- **Volume 3: Technical Appendices** – the appendices accompanying the Main Report of the EIA Report presented in Volume 1, which report details of assessment methodologies, assessment data, technical details and background information.

Terminology

For the purposes of this report the following terminology is used:

- The 'Proposed Development' - the two turbines, battery storage and associated infrastructure of Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm for which planning permission is being sought;
- The 'Development Site' - means the site of the proposed Enoch Hill 2 Wind Farm, located approximately 6km south-west of the settlement of New Cumnock and approximately 9km to the east of the settlement of Dalmellington in East Ayrshire (see **Figure 1.1**). It is centred at coordinates 258250 (easting) and 606680 (northing). For descriptive purposes, in some chapters it is subdivided into the 'main site' - where the turbines and the new associated infrastructure would be located - and the 'access track', with reference to the existing access track that runs through the Pencloe Forest; connecting the main site to Afton Road.
- The 'Applicant' is RWE Renewables UK Onshore Wind Limited; and
- 'EAC' is East Ayrshire Council.

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