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Hi Kerry

Thank you for your prompt re the above screening.

I can confirm that if we consider the marine licencing application for the works associated with the construction of the new lock gates and the extension of the pier on their own, then we can be confident about the scale and location of the impacts and it could be assessed as not requiring full EIA.

My frustration remains that we were told by the applicant that works were related to a larger project that would involve a change of use at the site. The re-development of the rig yard into a decommissioning facility could introduce a range of operations and processes which could potentially have a much greater impact and the overall project could well justify the request for EIA.

However, this larger project remains a “pre-application discussion” over a potential project and on balance we should simply consider the Marine issues at this stage and consider the assessment of the “change of use” under planning legislation should those proposals be brought forward at some point in the future.

I hope this helps.

Graeme

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Dear Graeme

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

I refer to our telephone conversation earlier today together with your previous correspondence with our Mike Bland and should be grateful if you would provide your views as to whether the proposed works at Hunterston are an EIA project.

As discussed, North Ayrshire Council have issued their screening opinion and we are now being pressed by the applicant to issue our opinion. I would appreciate therefore if you would provide your views as soon as possible.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss matters further please know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Hi Graeme,

As discussed, I understand that NAC sought a view on the Hunterston project from you, can I please ask that you copy any response to the MS major projects box (copied)?

Thanks

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