



EIA: Supplementary Environmental Information

# Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Extension

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Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Limited



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## Preface

This report comprises the Supplementary Environmental Information (SEI) prepared by Atmos Consulting Ltd on behalf of Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Limited ('the Applicant') regarding the application for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 as amended (the 1989 Act), and a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (the 1997 Act), as amended, that planning permission is deemed to be granted (ECU Ref: ECU00003274) for Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Extension (the 'Proposed Development').

Sandy Knowe Wind Farm Limited is an associated company of ERG UK Holding Ltd (ERG), who were previously identified at the Applicant with the original application (ECU Ref: ECU00003274).

This SEI provides environmental information in response to consultee comments including those from Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC). This SEI is intended to be read alongside the original application (ECU Ref: ECU00003274).

This SEI has been prepared in accordance with the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations').

The installed capacity of the Proposed Development would be up to 21.6MW plus an indicative battery storage capacity of 28.4MW comprising up to six turbines (three turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 125 metres and three turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 149.9m).

The Proposed Development lies adjacent to the currently operational, Sandy Knowe Wind Farm which was consented in July 2020 by Scottish Ministers (ECU Ref: ECU00000660) and consists of 24 wind turbines (at 125m tip height) and associated infrastructure. The anticipated output of the Sandy Knowe Wind Farm is 86.4MW.

The SEI includes the following documents:

- Volume 1: SEI Main Text;
- Volume 2: SEI Appendices;
- Volume 3: SEI Figures; and
- Volume 4: Other SEI Documents.

### Viewing the SEI Report

Electronic copies of the SEI and Supporting Documents are available to view at the following locations:

- On the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU)'s website at [www.energyconsents.scot](http://www.energyconsents.scot); and
- The Applicant's website at <https://www.erguk.energy/sandy-knowe/sandy-knowe-extension/>

Hard copies of the EIA Report and Supporting Documents are available to view at the following location:

- Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society Office, 40a Main Street, Kirkconnel DG4 6NB (Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am to 5pm and Wednesday 9am to 12pm)

The SEI Report can also be purchased from the Applicant (telephone: +44 141 212 7222 / email [ukdevelopment@erg.eu](mailto:ukdevelopment@erg.eu)) either in electronic or hard copy. Charges for copies are:

- £150 for a paper hard copy;
- £10 for a CD/USB with all documents.

