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Planning Inspectorate ref. EN010049

Dyddiad/Date: 29 August 2014

Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSED TIDAL LAGOON SWANSEA BAY (GENERATING STATION),
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

PROJECT REFERENCE: EN 010049

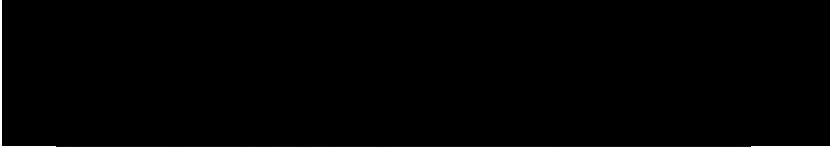
We have worked closely with the applicant from the outset of the project to flag potential environmental issues and impacts and to help them find solutions and suitable mitigation, however, the applicant continues to submit substantial volumes of environmental information during the course of the formal Examination. The Planning Act 2008 procedure is 'front loaded', with the responsibility on the applicant to ensure that the relevant environmental information has been provided at the earliest available opportunity and we would have expected the majority of such information to have been submitted along with the application.

The submission of such a volume of information of such a critical nature to the assessment of the potential environmental impacts of this scheme, within Examination, places significant demands on us in reviewing and preparing properly informed advice within the required timescales. We have written separately to the applicant to express our concerns in this regard.

We have prioritised the review of the applicants recent submissions. This review is ongoing and we continue to allocate additional resources to it with the intention to provide verbal advice on the information at the Issue Specific Hearings in

September in accordance with the published Examination timetable.

Yn Gywir / Yours faithfully,



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