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Dear Ms Glen

**Baledigle Wind Farm, Forsinard, Caithness, Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report**

**ECU reference: ECU00005164**

**Background and Context**

1. E Power Ltd Ltd has submitted a Scoping Report for a wind farm of 13 turbines of 250m BTH in the Flow Country immediately southeast of Forsinard.
2. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with more than 16,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.
3. The area is of local interest for walking, with the most significant interest being the Morvern hill range.


**Assessment**

4. Mountaineering Scotland's concern at this stage is ensuring that the proposed viewpoints will allow a comprehensive assessment of the proposed development from a mountaineering/hillwalking perspective should an application be made.
5. We endorse the upland viewpoints of Ben Klibreck (VP14) and Ben Griam Beg (VP9) but wish to draw attention to the error in the Scoping Report in Table 6-2 that states that Ben Griam Beg is a Munro. This is not true; BGM is neither a Munro, a Corbett nor a Fiona, but is nonetheless a popular sub-2000ft summit for hill-baggers.

We cannot endorse VP12 East Scaraben. The Scoping Report Table 6-2 states that it is representing views from the Morven hills; that it is specific and representative. It is our opinion that the views from the Morven hills would best be represented by a viewpoint on the highest, nearest and most often ascended of those hills – Morven itself. To choose a lower and more distant viewpoint (in fact,

the most distant of the Morven hills) seems to us to be a perverse choice and is not representative of the view that most hillwalkers would see from the Morven hills. We strongly recommend that VP12 be changed to the summit of Morven.

Yours sincerely

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