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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Knockodhar Wind Farm: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report**

**ECU reference: ECU00002153**

### **Background and Context**

A partnership of RPM, a Gloucester-based wind farm developer, and ESB, an Irish state-owned energy company, are scoping an Environmental Impact Assessment for a wind farm in South Ayrshire, southeast of Girvan. The scoping is considering 32 turbines of up to 200m blade-tip height.

Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with almost 15,000 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, and acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering. Mountaineering Scotland also acts on behalf of the 85,000 members of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) on matters related to landscape and access in Scotland, and provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

### **Assessment**

Mountaineering Scotland is in general content with the proposed methodology in the Scoping Report.

We support assessment from the proposed hill viewpoints:

VP 9 Knockdolian (c.12km from the proposed development)

VP 10 Shalloch-on-Minnoch (c.13km)

VP 11 The Merrick (c.17km)

VP 12 Lamachan Hill (c.21km)

VP 14 Cairnsmore of Fleet (c.32km)



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Black". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a clear 'Black'.

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