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Ms Nicola Ferguson Case Officer Energy Consents Unit The Scottish Government 5 Atlantic Quay 150 Broomielaw Glasgow G2 8LU

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Dear Ms Ferguson

Millennium East Wind Farm, nr Fort Augustus: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report ECU reference: ECU00005013

Background and Context

1. Renantis UK Limited has submitted a Scoping Report for a wind farm of 8 wind turbines, up to 200m BTH, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) technology, associated infrastructure and ancillary development, as an extension to the existing Millennium Wind Farm in the hills north of Invergarry and southwest of Fort Augustus and Invermoriston.

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 skitourers 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.

Assessment

3. 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.

4. We endorse the proposed hill viewpoints 12, 14, 16-19. There is an absence of high ground viewpoints for the south and west quadrants. We propose the addition of Ben Tee NN240971 for the south quadrant, and Carn Ghluasaid NH146125 for the west quadrant.

Yours sincerely

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