

Project Title : Development of a 100MW Offshore Wind Farm in Hong Kong

Reference of the Approved EIA Report in the Register : AEIAR-152/2010
Conditions of Approval under Section 8(3) of the EIA Ordinance (the Ordinance)

The EIA Report as exhibited under Section 7(1) of the Ordinance is approved by the Director on the following conditions :

1. The applicant shall submit to the Director for approval, before commencing the construction of the Project, the final layout of the wind farm turbines with demonstrations that the final layout, among the possible alternative layouts and arrays, has minimized the footprint of the Project and visual impacts on visual sensitive receivers.
2. The applicant shall submit to the Director for approval, before commencing the construction of the Project, a fisheries enhancement plan incorporating measures, including deployment of artificial reefs, in consultation with the fishery sector and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.
3. The applicant shall not conduct percussive piling works from December to May which is the peak sighting season of Finless Porpoises in the area.
4. The applicant shall enhance the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) on percussive piling noise, covering the monitoring of noise levels at nearby noise sensitive receivers and underwater noise levels at selected monitoring locations. The detailed noise monitoring plan, including measurement methodology and selection of monitoring locations, and the results of the EM&A shall be submitted to the independent environmental checker and the Environmental Protection Department.
5. To facilitate communications and consultation in respect of environmental impacts of the Project, the applicant shall, within six months upon the issue of the Environmental Permit, set up a Stakeholder Liaison Group comprising representatives of concerned parties, including those related to fishery sector and environmental groups, to advise on the design, construction and operation of the Project. The applicant shall inform the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) and the Director in writing the membership and terms of reference of the Stakeholder Liaison Group and shall take into account ACE's views. The applicant shall place all minutes of meetings, relevant documents and associated papers of the Stakeholder Liaison Group on the dedicated website set up by the applicant, within one month of the dates of the meetings.
6. The further information submitted by the applicant on 28 April 2010 under Section 8(1) of the Ordinance shall form part of the approved EIA report, and shall be placed on the Ordinance's Register and the Ordinance's website (<http://www.epd.gov.hk/eia>).