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Thanks [REDACTED]. I think this looks reasonable. We are not binding ourselves to a timeframe (which is important) but providing a guide of what we expect on current knowledge. If we were then able to apply a closing date before 30 May would that be seen as a positive by the sector or possibly viewed as moving the goalposts again because they had then all re-scheduled to complete after May? I guess we can judge that when setting a new date (and of course it's only a consideration if CES were able to set a date before the end of May.)

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Hi all

Please see below a message that we intend to send to SWL registered applicants via the ScotWind portal on Monday. It is in direct response to a number of concerns which have been raised by applicants regarding the uncertainty around the potential length of delay to the deadline for applications. Although we are not able to confirm a new closing date until after the

review is completed, we feel we have to let them know that it is highly unlikely the new date will be either April or May. This is to help them with workforce planning and specifically with the management of teams and resources that developers are continuing to have in place focused purely on finalising SWL applications.

As planned, we will send round a further update to applicants as soon as we are able to confirm what the new deadline will be.

Any questions let us know.

Thanks



**Following our decision to review the option structure for ScotWind Leasing, we have already confirmed that the deadline for applications will now be later than the original date of 31 March 2021 and have committed to confirming the new closing date on completion of the review , which is targeted for 24 March 2021. Although we are not able to confirm the new closing date until then, we are also aware of the need to ensure applicants are able to plan activities and resource allocation, and as such, we wish to confirm that we do not currently envisage the new closing date being during either April or May 2021.**

**As soon as we are able to provide more detail as to the exact date of the new deadline, we will do so.**

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