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[by email]

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Dear Pat,

Mingyang Smart Energy Group

I am writing to request further information about Mingyang Smart Energy, China's largest manufacturer of offshore wind turbines. I am sure you will be aware of recent media reports that Mingyang Smart Energy may be set to provide turbines for the Green Volt North Sea wind farm and establish a manufacturing plant in Scotland.

Given the concerns regarding the involvement of Chinese companies in the UK's critical energy infrastructure, I would be grateful for your response to the following questions by Tuesday 22 April.

The Committee intends to publish both this letter and your response once received, unless you indicate an objection to this.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the Business and Trade Committee

In relation to the National Security and Investment Act 2021, please confirm the following:

1. Do floating wind turbines fall within the definition of qualifying assets?
2. Have any transactions involving Mingyang Smart Energy Group been notified to the Investment Security Unit under the Act?

Moreover, we note that in 2021, a Memorandum of Understanding was established between the Government, Mingyang Smart Energy Group, and Opergy. Therefore, please confirm the following:

3. Is this Memorandum of Understanding still in place?
4. Please provide a copy of the text of Memorandum of Understanding (this can be provided in confidence if required).
5. Please clarify if this Memorandum of Understanding has any bearing on the applicability of the National Security and Investment Act to investment by the companies that are party to it.