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Board Direction
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 1st May 2018.

The Board decided to refuse permission, generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations.

Reasons and Considerations

1. It is considered that the information submitted during the consideration of the application including the Ecological Impact Assessment report (EclA), lacks clarity in relation to baseline information on flow, rate of extraction and impact upon the river channel hydrology and hydrography, in particular whether there would be a 30 per cent change in the maximum, minimum or mean flows in the main river channel. The Board is thus not satisfied, on the basis of the information provided that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant adverse impacts on the environment, and that the potential environmental impact is such that an EIA is warranted. The Board requested an EIS and no EIS was submitted to address the concerns of the Board in this regard. The proposed development would thus be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Given the qualifying interests and conservation objectives, as well as the separation distances and proposed construction methodology, the Board did not share the Inspector's concerns that the proposed development individually, or in combination

with other plans or projects could adversely affect the integrity of the European site code No 002158 Kenmare River SAC, or any other European site.

Board Member

Date: 4th May 2018

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