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Re: Application Number 323575 – Port of Waterford Company

On behalf of South East Tug Services Ltd we wish to make a submission in support of the Port of Waterford's proposed 250-metre wharf extension for a proposed Offshore Renewable Energy ('ORE') development and general port development, land reclamation, ancillary works and a biodiversity enhancement area.

The proposed development will have an initial short-term positive effect in the local area with the creation of a significant number of temporary construction jobs during the construction programme with indirect benefits accruing to local material and services suppliers. It will also have strategic beneficial long-term effects.

We provide tug services in the port and expect that this development will have a significantly beneficial effect on our business, as stakeholders. As part of this development it is also planned that a tug berthing facility will be provided for tug providers which will be very beneficial to our company as currently the only safe berth we have available to us is up-river in Waterford City. This will have a significant beneficial effect including from a health and safety perspective, particularly in the event of emergency call outs to vessels in difficulty, as currently it takes 30 minutes for our tug just to sail from Waterford City to Belview.

Once operational, we understand that the proposed development will directly provide up to 100 full-time jobs in addition to supporting indirect jobs in the local area, both through the ORE supply chain and the increase in port-related activities – estimates indicate that up to four indirect jobs will be created for every port-based job. This will be a real benefit of the project as it will hopefully deliver decades of ongoing operations and maintenance work that will provide lasting jobs and benefits to the region, with the resulting significant boost of Waterford's and the South East region's economy.

Waterford and the South East region will also benefit from the development into offshore energy which the proposed project will facilitate and studies have shown the positive impact offshore wind development can have on local economies.

We have been advised that the project is supported by a range of Government plans and policies that will serve the needs of future ORE projects in the Celtic Sea off the southern coast of Ireland. It is our opinion that the proposed 250-metre wharf extension will align with the best interests of the local community and will contribute to the overall vitality of the region.

We respectfully request that the Commission grants permission for the proposed development so that Waterford and the South East region can benefit from this landmark

development. Furthermore, we are keen to highlight our support for the expeditious progression of the entire project.

Regards

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