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Fastnet Shipping Ltd would like to make a submission in support of the Port of Waterford's proposed 250-metre wharf extension for a proposed Offshore Renewable Energy development and general port development, land reclamation, ancillary works.

We believe this proposed development will have an initial short-term positive effect in the local area with the creation of many construction jobs during the 24-month construction program. There will also be added benefits for existing businesses operating in the area through the potential for local enterprises to provide materials and services during construction and thereafter.

When completed the development will directly provide full-time work for a substantiable number of people in the local area and increase port-related activities, which we believe are the closest port facilities to the 4 new proposed offshore wind farms off the Waterford Coast.

Fastnet Shipping Ltd believe if this proposed facility is built it will be of benefit to us as we supply crew transfer vessels / work vessels, which will also create additional employment for Marine Services.

Signed



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