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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
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RE: APPLICATION FOR STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 182A OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED) COMPRISING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRID SUBSTATION AND 110KV TRANSMISSION CONNECTION AND ASSOICATED DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWNLAND OF HALVERSTOWN, NAAS, KILDARE.

Dear Sir / Madam,

RPS are instructed by the Applicant, Herbata Limited, to submit this Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the “**2000 Act**”) for the development described above and detailed more fully in the enclosed statutory notices (hereinafter referred to as the “Substation”).

This application for approval is made following receipt of the formal notice from An Bord Pleanála (now referred to as “An Coimisiún Pleanála”), dated 5th July 2023 (Ref: ABP-315659-23) confirming the opinion of An Bord Pleanála (as it then was) that the proposed development being as described above as the Substation falls within the scope of Section 182A of the 2000 Act. The Direction is included in Appendix A.

As confirmed by An Coimisiún Pleanála by email on 6th August 2025, 10 no. sets of the application (2 no. hard copies, and 8 no. electronic copies) have been enclosed herewith.

Copies of the application have also been furnished to Kildare County Council and to the Prescribed Bodies, as instructed by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

A suite of supporting documentation and drawings is submitted as part of this application under separate cover. Please see the **Schedule of Documentation** which contains details of documentation enclosed as part of this planning application.

The appropriate fee of €100,000 has been paid. This fee is the application fee for a SID application under Section 182A of the 2000 Act as per www.pleanala.ie.

Note that the Substation development is part of a Project (for Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment purposes) comprising two main elements, namely:

- a) The Data Centre, comprising 6 no. two storey Data Centre buildings, an administration/management building, car parking, landscaping, energy infrastructure and other associated works (the “**Data Centre**”). This element was the subject of a separate application for permission submitted to Kildare County Council (KCC), under Reg. Ref.: 2460787. By order dated 19 August 2025 KCC decided to grant permission for the Data Centre subject to conditions. The Data Centre Application is currently under consideration by ACP under case reference PL09.323677

- b) The Substation development as described above comprising a grid substation and 110kV transmission connection is the subject of this SID application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The Data Centre and the Substation together constitute the “Project” for the purposes of Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, and references to the “Project” in the enclosed Environmental Impact Assessment Report ((which comprises (i) an Environmental Impact Assessment Report dated June 2024 and (ii) an addendum to that report dated June 2025 which addendum was provided in response of the Request for Further Information from KCC in relation to the planning application to KCC for the Data Centre) are together called “Environmental Impact Assessment Report”) and in the enclosed the Natura Impact Statement (which was provided to KCC in response to a Request for Further Information from KCC in relation to the planning application to KCC for the Data Centre) should be read as references to those two elements taken together as one Project. A short document giving an account of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment materials is also included with the application documentation.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to a favourable decision in due course.

Yours faithfully,

for RPS



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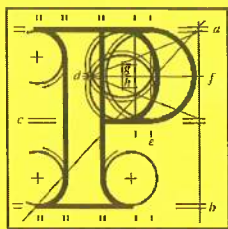
2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of the following items are included with this application to An Coimisiún Pleanála together with the application fee.

A Schedule of Documentation (inc. Drawing Register) has been prepared and appended to the Application Form (see Appendix A Application Form of the Planning Particulars booklet).

Copies of the application, EIAR and NIS have been furnished to KCC and to the Prescribed Bodies, as instructed by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Appendix A

ABP-315659-23 SID Direction



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Board Direction
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The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on 04/07/2023

The Board decided that the proposed development falls consisting of a 110kV electrical substation and associated infrastructure for the purposes of connecting a planned data centre to the existing 110kV overhead line network within the townland of Halverstown, Naas, Co. Kildare, as set out in the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála, falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and that any planning application should be made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

The applicant shall be informed that the application documentation should be forwarded to the following prescribed bodies:

1. Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
2. Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
3. Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
4. Kildare County Council
5. EirGrid
6. ESB
7. Commission for Regulation of Utilities
8. Irish Water
9. An Chomhairle Ealaíon
10. Fáilte Ireland
11. An Taisce
12. Heritage Council

13. Health & Safety Authority

Additional notifications should also be made where considered appropriate.

Board Member 

Date: 04/07/2023

Peter Mullan