**Our Case Number:** ABP-318302-23

An Bord Pleanála

Aughinish Alumina Limited
Aughinish Island
Askeaton
Co. Limerick
V94 V8F7

FAO: Ciaran Kelleher

**Date:** 23 October 2024

**Re:** Expansion of the Bauxite Disposal Area, extension to the existing Salt Cake Disposal Cell and extension of the permitted borrow pit at Aughinish Alumina Limited
In the townlands of Aughinish East, Aughinish West, Island Mac Teige, Glenbane West, and Fawnamore at or adjacent to Aughinish Island, Askeaton, Co. Limerick

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Breda Ingle
Executive Officer
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Mr Peter Mullan
Chairperson
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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22nd October 2024

**Re: REQUEST FOR PRIORITISATION OF DECISION ON STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BAUXITE RESIDUE DISPOSAL AREA, SALT CAKE DISPOSAL CELL AND EXTENSION OF BORROW PIT AT AUGHINISH ALUMINA LIMITED, AUGHINISH ISLAND, ASKEATON, CO. LIMERICK**

**AN BORD PLEANÁLA REFERENCE: ABP-318302-23**

Dear Mr. Mullan

I am writing in response to your letter dated 13th September 2024 in which you stated the above referenced case was at Board level and that the Board would take all reasonable steps to determine the application as soon as possible. Tom Philips & Associates (TPA), on our behalf, had enquired as to the status of the case and on the 29th August were notified that the case was at Board level.

AAL is highly concerned with the timeline required to decide upon this application to date and respectfully requests a decision be reached as a matter of urgency.

By way of update, following my letter to you dated 6th June 2024, AAL applied to the EU Commission for the proposed expansion of the BRDA to be considered as an EU Strategic Project under the new Critical Raw Material Act. The Commission confirmed in September that the information provided in the application is considered complete and that its assessment has commenced.

Yours faithfully,

Ciaran Kelleher
Chairperson and Managing Director
Aughinish Alumina Limited