

13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

By Post

**Re. Submission of EIA Screening Report and Scoping Request on behalf of ESB in relation to the proposed transition to Biomass and associated development at West Offaly Power, Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly**

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ESB International is acting on behalf of ESB Power Generation and Wholesale Markets as consultants on the proposed development at the existing West Offaly Power station, Shannonbridge, Co.Offaly.

An EIA Screening Report and Scoping Request has been prepared in anticipation of seeking planning permission for modifications to, and continued operation of, the existing peat-fuelled West Offaly Power station (WOP), Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly to facilitate the phased transition of WOP to exclusive firing with biomass. Ancillary works are also proposed at an existing ash disposal facility located at Derrylahan, Co. Offaly.

A planning application will be submitted to the relevant planning authority; An Bord Pléanala or Offaly County Council depending on the outcome of pre-application consultation under the relevant provisions of Strategic Infrastructure legislation. This application will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Appropriate Assessment Report under the EU Habitats Directive.

A detailed EIA Screening Report and Scoping Request is enclosed.

We would welcome any observation you may wish to make with respect to the proposed development and the application. You are invited to respond to the undersigned within a 4-week period starting on the date of issue of this letter. Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any queries that may arise.

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