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Chief Executive,
Planning Department,
Waterford City and County Council,
City Hall,
The Mall,
Waterford,
X91 PK15

**RE: Scartmountain Wind Farm – Strategic Infrastructure Development.
Proposed Development of Scartmountain Wind Farm at Scartmountain, Co. Waterford.**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to inform you that Futureenergy Scart Mountain Designated Activity Company, is applying to An Bord Pleanála for permission for development in respect of the above project. This application is submitted under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). I attach a copy of the public notices.

The proposed development will comprise:

- Erection of 15 no. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height range from 179.5 m to 185 m inclusive, a rotor diameter range from 149 m to 163 m inclusive, a hub height range from 102.5 m to 110.5 m inclusive, and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;
- Permanent upgrade to the existing forest entrance onto the L5055 local road in the townland of Lackenrea to be used as a construction entrance. It will also be used for operational phase access for HGVs only;
- Construction of 6 no. permanent site entrances to form 3 no. local road crossing points to enable site access during construction (on the L5054, L5055 and L1026 in the townlands of Moneygorm, Knocknasheega and Tooranaraheen respectively). The entrance associated with the crossing point on the L5054 will also function as an operational phase access for light vehicles only;
- Temporary improvements and modifications to 1 no. location at the junction of the N72 and the L1027 (known as Boheravaghera Cross or Affane Cross) to facilitate delivery of oversized loads and turbine delivery, in the townland of Crinnaghtaun West, Co. Waterford;
- Construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds located within the northern and southern ends of the site, with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing;
- Erection of 1 no. Meteorological Mast of 100 metres above existing ground level for the measuring of meteorological conditions, with a lightning finial extending above the mast;

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- 2 no. temporary borrow pits;
- Permanent construction of 11.9 km new internal site access roads and upgrade of 7.2 km existing internal site roads, to include passing bays and all associated drainage, all within the wind farm site;
- Construction of temporary and permanent drainage and sediment control systems;
- Construction of 1 no. permanent 110kV electrical substation including:
 - 1 no. EirGrid control building containing worker welfare facilities and equipment store;
 - 1 no. Independent Power Producer control building containing high voltage switch room, site offices, kitchen facilities, storeroom and toilet amenities.
 - All electrical plant and infrastructure and grid ancillary services equipment;
 - Parking;
 - Lighting;
 - Security Fencing;
 - Wastewater holding tank;
 - Rainwater harvesting equipment;
 - All associated infrastructure and services including site works and signage;
- All related site works and ancillary development including signage, berms, landscaping, and soil excavation;
- Forestry felling (both permanent and temporary) to facilitate construction and operation including biodiversity enhancement measures, of the proposed project and any onsite forestry replanting; and
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm substation.

Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in this planning application and an opinion on unconfirmed details from the Board (Case Reference: ABP-319602-24) pursuant to section 287B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) accompanies this planning application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this site notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

A separate application to obtain permission for an underground 110kV grid connection to the existing 110kV Dungarvan substation to facilitate the export of power from the wind farm, will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

As the project requires an EIAR, the application documentation includes a copy of the EIA Portal Notice.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
 - Planning Application Form
 - Addendum 1: Schedule of Drawings
 - Addendum 2: Landowner Letters of Consent
 - Addendum 3: Details of consultations with An bord Pleanála including SID Determination and Opinion on Unconfirmed Details
 - Addendum 4: List of prescribed bodies notified and a copy of letters sent
 - Addendum 5: EIA Portal Confirmation
 - Addendum 6: Confirmation of payment of SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Notice
 - Planning Cover Letter to An Bord Pleanála
- Planning Application Drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume 1- EIAR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
 - Volume 2- EIAR Main Body
 - Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
 - Volume 4- Photomontages
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- Mitigation Measures Document



➤ Planning Statement

As requested, 2 no. hard copies and 1 no. electronic copy (USB) of the full planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement are enclosed.

In considering this application, An Bord Pleanála can decide to:

- (a); (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its permission and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified or
 - (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant permission.

Any submissions/observations must be made to the Board at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 relating to:

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned;
- (ii) the likely significant effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out;
- (iii) the likely effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board no later than 5.30pm on the **28th February 2025**.

Also as required by An Bord Pleanála, you are hereby requested to keep this planning application available for public inspection/purchase in accordance with the terms of the public notice attached with this application. It is recommended that all of the application documentation will remain available for public inspection until a decision has been formally issued by An Bord Pleanála.

A detailed description of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed public notices and a complete description is set out in the application documentation. The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website: www.scartmountainplanning.ie and the public offices of An Bord Pleanála, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Yours sincerely,



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