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## Application Form for Permission in respect of a Maritime Area Planning Application.

1.

Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:

Section 291 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta
Address:	C/o Mahon Solicitors, 2 Carraig Mhór, An Spidéal, Co. Galway, Galway, H91 E656, Ireland
Telephone No:	095 49009
Email Address (if any):	

**3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s):	Tim Coffey, Sharn Ward, Marc Costa Ros, Marc Hulin.
Registered Address (of company)	C/o Mahon Solicitors, 2 Carraig Mhór, An Spidéal, Co. Galway, Galway, H91 E656, Ireland
Company Registration No.	343302
Telephone No.	095 49009
Email Address (if any)	

**4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name:	Colm Ryan
Address:	MKO, Tuam Road, Galway H91 VW84
Telephone No.	091 735 611
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	cryan@mkoireland.ie

**Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [ ☒ ] No: [ ☐ ]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Michael Cloherty  
095 49009

## 5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Killian Devereux	Claire Atkins	Brian Sayers
Firm / Company:	MKO	OWC	MWP
Address:	MKO, Tuam Road, Galway H91 VW84	OWC Ltd, City Gate Mahon, Cork T12 W7CV	MWP, The Elm Suite, Loughmore Centre, Raheen Business Park, Limerick, V94 R578
Telephone No:	091 735 611	N/A	061 480 164
Mobile No:	N/A	N/A	N/A
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**Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.**

**Details referred to in article 4 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations 2021. This can also be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form**

Please refer to Appendix 1 for full details of all accompanying plans/drawings. 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of all drawings have been provided to ABP.

6.

**Site:**

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>The proposed offshore development is located in the maritime area, in the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of County Galway and County Clare. The Offshore Array Area, which includes the Wind Turbine Generators and the Offshore Substation, will be located c. 5 – 11.5km from land, with Carna, County Galway being the nearest settlement. The offshore export cable travels in a southerly direction from the offshore array site, passing to the west of the Aran Islands before continuing in a south easterly direction to land fall in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare.</p> <p>The proposed onshore development is located in County Clare in the townlands of Killard, Doonmore, Carrowmore South, Tullaher, Einagh, Moanmore North, Moanmore Upper, Moanmore South, Moanmore Lower, Carnaun, Durha, Ballykett, Parknamoney, Kilcarroll, Feagarroge, Dysert, Clooneylissaun, Ballymacrinan, Carrowdotia North and Carrowdotia South.</p> <p>The onshore grid connection travels in a south easterly direction from the landfall location at Killard, Co. Clare to the Moneypoint 220kV Substation, in the townland of Carrowdotia South, Co. Clare. The onshore compensation compound is located on lands in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare.</p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>Admiralty Chart mapping references: 2173, 2709, 3338, 3339</p> <p>OS Sheet no.: 4429, 4430, 4487, 4488, 4489, 4547, 4548, 4549, 4606, 4607, 4608, 4666, 4667, 4668, 4727, 4728, 4729, 4787, 4788, 4789</p> <p>OS0614, OS0616, OS0618, OS0620, OS0622, OS0624, OS0814, OS0816, OS0818, OS0820, OS0822, OS0824, OS1014, OS1016, OS1018, OS1020, OS1022, OS1024</p> <p>ITM (centre of offshore array area): X 467182 Y 726032</p>	
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.</p>		
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in square kilometres</p>	<p>436.987* sq. km</p> <p>*Entire area of the red line</p>	

		planning application boundary
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	<p><b>Existing use offshore site:</b> Undeveloped Maritime area.</p> <p><b>Existing use onshore site:</b> Public road corridor, agricultural land, golf course, Moneypoint substation.</p> <p><b>Proposed offshore use:</b> Commercial offshore wind farm, associated offshore substation and offshore export cable.</p> <p><b>Proposed onshore use:</b> Onshore grid connection cable and compensation compound for the purpose of connecting the offshore wind farm to the national electricity grid.</p>	
Name of the Coastal Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	<p>Galway County Council</p> <p>Clare County Council</p>	

**7. Obligation to obtain permission to carry out development:**

Are you in possession of a Maritime Area Consent or a licence granted under section 3 of the Foreshore Act, 1933?

Yes: [ ☒ ] No: [ ☐ ]

**Provide copy of Maritime Area Consent or copy of licence.**

Please see enclosed in Appendix 2.

**8. Site History:**

**Details regarding site history (if known):**

**Offshore Site:**

Foreshore licenses:

2001 licence: Determined 19/10/2001

FS007161: Determined 05/09/2023

FS007543: Determined 05/09/2023

Maritime Area Consent:

2022-MAC-007: 23/12/2022

(Amendment A: 21/05/2024, Amendment B: 28/06/2024, Amendment C: 09/12/2024)

**Onshore Site:**

Planning Permissions

CCC Ref.14487, ABP Ref. PL03.244088: Refused by CCC & Refused by ABP.

CCC Ref.17542: Refused by CCC 05/09/2017

CCC. Ref. 011538, ABP Ref: PL03.130164: Granted by CCC & Granted by ABP

CCC Ref.1274, ABP Ref: PL03.241624: Refused by CCC, Granted by ABP

CCC Ref. 17809: Granted by CCC

CCC Ref. 2332: Granted by CCC

CCC Ref. 161011: Granted by CCC

ABP Ref: 319080 (SID): Granted by ABP

ABP Ref: 307798 (SID): Granted by ABP

\*CCC = Clare County Council

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>Offshore Development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. 30 no. offshore Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) with gravity based fixed-bottom foundations with the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tip height of 324.9m above Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT),</li> <li>• Rotor diameter of 292m;</li> <li>• Hub height of 178.9m above LAT;</li> </ul> </li> <li>II. 1 no. 220kV offshore substation (OSS) of 55 m in height above LAT (including crane and communications mast) with a gravity based fixed bottom foundation. The OSS consists of an offshore electrical substation platform with multiple decks accommodating the electrical and communications plant and equipment, ancillary components and welfare facilities;</li> <li>III. A network of inter-array electrical and communication cables, of approximately 73 km in length, connecting the 30 WTGs to the OSS;</li> <li>IV. A 220kV offshore export cable complete with communication lines, of approximately 63.5 km in length, laid in and on the seabed from the OSS to landfall in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare;</li> <li>V. Seabed preparation for WTG, OSS and cable installation including rock placement, dredging and disposal;</li> <li>VI. Cable protection including trenching and burial, rock berms, and concrete mattresses.</li> </ol> <p>Onshore Development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. An underground Transition Joint Bay (TJB) at the landfall point in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare connecting the offshore export cable to the onshore grid connection cable. The TJB consists of an underground concrete chamber (20m x 5m wide, with a depth of 2.5m), where the proposed offshore export cable will be connected to the onshore grid connection cable;</li> <li>II. 220kV onshore grid connection and communications cables laid underground, primarily in the public road corridor with small sections in third party lands, for approximately 19.3 km between the TJB in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare and the new 220kV Onshore</li> </ol>
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	<p>Compensation Compound (OCC) in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare;</p> <p>III. 220kV onshore grid connection and communication cables laid underground, primarily in the public road corridor with small sections in third party lands, for approximately 3 km between the new 220kV OCC in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare and the existing Moneypoint 220kV substation in the townland of Carrowdotia South, Co. Clare;</p> <p>IV. 43 no. joint bays complete with communication chambers and link box chambers along the onshore grid connection route between the TJB in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare to the existing 220kV Moneypoint substation in the townland of Carrowdotia South, Co. Clare;</p> <p>V. A 220kV Onshore Compensation Compound located in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare. The 220kV onshore compensation compound consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eirgrid 220kV GIS Building (49m x 18.5m, with a total height of 16.7m above Finished Floor Level (FFL);</li> <li>• ESB 220kV GIS Building (49m x 18.5m, with a total height of 16.7m above FFL);</li> <li>• Customer SCADA and MV power building (18.4m x 8.7m, with a total height of 6.15m above FFL);</li> <li>• Statcom building (30.5m x 22m, with a total height of 7.59m above FFL);</li> <li>• Upgrade of existing entrance onto the L-6150 including the removal of a small portion of existing stone wall and hedgerow;</li> <li>• All associated electrical and communications plant and equipment, welfare facilities, 3 no. foul water holding tanks, 3 no. bored wells, 3 no. attenuation tanks, access roads, car parking, security fencing and gates, rail and post fencing, telecommunications pole, lightning masts, signage, safety bollards, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and all other ancillary works and associated site development works;</li> </ul> <p>VI. 3 no. temporary construction compounds along the onshore grid connection cable route:</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 no. temporary construction compound at the landfall point in the townland of Killard Co. Clare;</li> <li>• 1 no. temporary construction compound at the Kilrush Golf Club in the townland of Parknamoney, Co. Clare;</li> <li>• 1 no. temporary construction compound at the new 220kV OCC in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare;</li> </ul> <p>VII. Reinstatement of the road or track surface above the proposed onshore grid connection cable trench along existing roads and tracks;</p> <p>VIII. New and upgraded access tracks above the proposed onshore grid connection cable trench in third party lands;</p> <p>IX. Temporary entrances from public roads to facilitate construction of the onshore grid connection for construction phase only;</p> <p>X. Provision of 3 no. passing bays and the widening of the L-6150 road in the townland of Ballymacrinan to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads for the construction of the proposed OCC;</p> <p>XI. All works associated with spoil management;</p> <p>XII. All associated site works and ancillary development above and below ground including hard and soft landscaping, habitat enhancement and drainage infrastructure.</p> <p>A 10-year development permission and a 38-year operational life of the proposed development from the date of commissioning of the proposed development is sought.</p>
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## 10. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		✓	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		✓	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		✓	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			✓

Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license		✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?		✓
Do the Comah Regulations 2015 (Control of Major Accident Hazards) apply to the proposed development?		✓

## 11. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
<p>The Clare Champion: Dated 17/01/2025</p> <p>The Connacht Tribune: Dated 17/01/2025</p> <p>The Irish Examiner: Dated 16/01/2025</p> <p>Site Notices: 31 no. erected on 17/01/2025 at the locations shown on drawings 220404-03A to 220404-03I</p> <p>A copy of all planning application documents has been published on the dedicated website for this planning application for public viewing:  <a href="http://www.sceirderockswindfarmplanning.ie">www.sceirderockswindfarmplanning.ie</a></p> <p>All prescribed bodies have been issued with a copy of the application – refer to Appendix 5 of this Application Form for details.</p>

## 12. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
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<p><b>Schedule of any other pre application consultations – name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</b></p>
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Enclosed: [Please see Appendix 4.](#)

Yes: [ ☒ ] No:[ ☐ ]

Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.

Enclosed: [Please see Appendix 5.](#)

Yes: [ ☒ ] No:[ ☐ ]

### 13. Confirmation Notice:

#### Copy of Confirmation Notice

Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.

Please see enclosed in Appendix 6.

EIA portal ID: 2025007

### 14. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000

(Paid by the Applicant by EFT on 05/12/2024,  
Reference: SCEIRDE ROCKS ABP-317409)

**I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.**

Signed:  
(Applicant or Agent as appropriate)



Colm Ryan, MKO (AGENT), Tuam Road, Galway

Date:

16/01/2025

### General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed maritime area development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Regulations and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.