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Our Ref: 180511-d
Your Ref: ABP-321866-25

Submitted via email

16th March 2026

Re: Response to Section 131 Request – Croagh Wind Farm
Construction of 2 Wind turbines and all associated site development works, County Sligo.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the Section 131 (S131) request issued by An Coimisiún Pleanála by letter dated 26th February 2026 in relation to the above referenced Croagh Wind Farm Appeal currently before the Commission (Ref: ABP-321866-25).

In the letter dated 26th February 2026, the Commission invites the Applicant to make any further general submissions/observations on the planning application the subject of this appeal including on the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030. It states:

"Having regard to the High Court Order in this case, the quashing of the previous Commission decision and the passage of time, the Commission considers that it is appropriate in the interests of justice to now request you under section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to make any further general submissions/observations you may have on the planning application the subject of this appeal and on the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030."

The enclosed S131 Response Report by MKO and associated technical appendices provide an updated assessment of the Croagh Wind Farm Project against current legislation at EU and National level and National, regional and local planning policy, including notably the new County Development Plan adopted by Sligo County Council in 2024. This S131 Response also provides the Commission with supporting information which pertains to the key issues identified within the Inspector's Reports on the previous appeal (ACP Ref: 321866-25 /ABP Ref. 310788) including Landslide Susceptibility, Impact on Natura Sites, Impact on Bird Species, Visual Impact and Noise Impacts. The detail provided as part of this response in respect of the S131 request has been prepared in consultation with Fehily Timoney, AWN Consulting and AGL Consulting.

The response to this S131 request is contained within the enclosed S131 Response Report, inclusive of Appendices 1 and 2, prepared by MKO and the following reports enclosed as technical appendices:

- Appendix 3 - Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Response prepared by MKO
- Appendix 4a- Geotechnical Section 131 Response prepared by Fehily Timony
- Appendix 4b Peat Stability Risk Assessment Technical Note prepared by AGL Consulting
- Appendix 5 – 2025 Ecological Survey Report prepared by MKO
    - **CONFIDENTIAL** Appendix 1 of Appendix 5 - Badger Sett Locations

- Appendix 6 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Natural Impact Statement Addendum prepared by MKO
- Appendix 7 - Ornithological Section 131 Response prepared by MKO
- Appendix 8 - Draft Noise Complaint Management Protocol prepared by AWN Consulting

We trust the above is in order and look forward to receiving the Commission's determination of this case as soon as possible.

Should you require anything further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.

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