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Ref: Substitute Consent Application for Peat Extraction at Derryadd, Derryaroge and Lough Bannow Bogs

Dear Resident,

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that Bord na Móna plc and subsidiaries intend to submit an application to An Bord Pleanála for substitute consent for the historic peat extraction at Derryadd, Derryaroge and Lough Bannow Bogs which form part of the Mountdillon Bog Group. The purpose of this application is to seek to regularise the planning status of the peat extraction works (*and all associated bog development works*) that were carried out within these parts of the Mountdillon Bog Group located in south County Longford up until its cessation.

The peat extraction works undertaken at the Mountdillon Bog Group, which are subject to this application consist of the following:

- Bog Development Works;
- Clearance and excavations to facilitate peat extraction;
- Industrial scale peat extraction from 1952 to July 2019 (*when extraction ceased*); and
- Implementation and use of ancillary services and infrastructure to facilitate peat extraction (*e.g. fixed fuel tanks*).

This application will **not** seek to facilitate any future peat harvesting preparations or activities by the Company across these parts of the Mountdillon Bog Group which permanently ceased in July 2019. The purpose of this application is to support the Company's mission to deliver clean energy, carbon storage and resource recovery solutions.

Over the past two years, Bord na Móna has changed from a traditional peat business into a climate solutions company. Today, the company is fully focused on renewable energy generation, recycling, peatlands restoration and the development of new low carbon enterprises. One of our core aims is to help Ireland reach net zero emissions by 2050 by delivering essential solutions for the greatest challenge our country has ever faced.

It is intended to lodge the above application in the coming weeks directly with An Bord Pleanála, details of which will be advertised via local media and site notices.

In -the meantime, should you have any queries or comments in relation to the above please contact us via 045-439000.

Yours faithfully
Planning & Advocacy Team