

14 In August 2013, EirGrid requested the Board to provide a scoping opinion (in writing) in respect of the proposed development. The Board consulted with various parties, including the local and prescribed authorities (including certain statutory agencies in Northern Ireland), before providing its scoping opinion on 11th December 2013. The scoping opinion confirmed the issues identified during the informal scoping process undertaken by EirGrid.

15 In relation to the Non-Technical Summary the Board's scoping opinion states:

"The summary should contain an objective statement of the environmental effects of the development and all significant effects and mitigation measures should be referred to therein. The description of the development to be contained in the non-technical summary should explain the proposals clearly and unambiguously in terms of their nature, scale and extent in order to allow the public to understand the EIA process and to make submissions in relation to the development."

16 It is confirmed that this Non-Technical Summary has been prepared having regard to the Board's scoping opinion and in particular to the information detailed above. The description of development, the likely environmental effects of the development and all significant effects and mitigation measures are clearly and unambiguously explained to allow the public to understand the environmental evaluation process and to make submissions in relation to the development.

1.5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT STUDY TEAM

17 The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study team and the section of the document they prepared are listed in **Table 1.3**.

Table 1.2: Environmental Impact Statement Study Team

Role	Company
EIS Coordinator - Volume 3B	RPS
Specialist Environmental Topics Manager and EIS Coordinator - Volume 3C	ESBI
Specialist Environmental Topics Manager and EIS Coordinator - Volume 3D	TOBIN
Project Designers	ESBI and GasNatural fenosa (previously SOCOIN)
Specialist Environmental Topics	
Human Beings - Population & Economic	ESBI
Human Beings - Land Use	Curtin Agricultural Consultants Ltd
Human Beings - Tourism & Amenity	ESBI
Human Beings - Electric and Magnetic Fields	Exponent
Flora and Fauna	TOBIN

Role	Company
Solis, Geology and Hydrogeology	TOBIN
Water	TOBIN
Air - Noise and Vibration	TOBIN / AECOM
Air – Quality and Climate	ESBI
Landscape	AECOM
Material Assets – General	TOBIN
Material Assets - Traffic	TOBIN
Cultural Heritage	Moore Group

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