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13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Re: Celtic Interconnector Project**

Dear Mr. Tuite,

An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) received your letter of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 concerning the Celtic Interconnector project and referring to your notification of the project to the UK Competent Authority and the response received from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). An Bord Pleanála (CA) will consider the matter and revert to you.

Article 10 1(a) states '*Where two or more Member States are concerned, the date of the acceptance of the last notification by the competent authority concerned shall serve as the date of the start of the permit granting process*'. Therefore, if the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 is the start of the permit granting process then a Concept for Public Participation should, under Article 9.3, be submitted to us as Competent Authority within an indicative period of three months of the start of the process.

While we are considering the matter, we consider it appropriate because of the indicative time period involved to bring to your attention that you should consider being in a position to submit a concept for public participation to us within an indicative period of three months from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

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