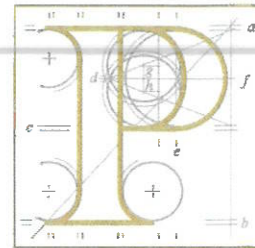


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23rd March, 2020.

Re: Celtic Interconnector Project

Dear Mr. Tuite,

I refer to our letter of 13th 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 (Competent Authority) is now proceeding on the basis that 31st January, 2020 is the date of the start of the permit granting process. Article 9.3 of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 provides that the project promoter shall draw up and submit a concept for public participation to the competent authority within an indicative period of three months of the start of the permit granting process. Accordingly, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) expects you to submit a concept for public participation to it by the indicative date of 30th April, 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Diarmuid Collins,
Senior Administrative Officer.

