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Our Ref: PCI 0004

**Matthew McLoughlin,
Marine Environment and Foreshore,
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government,
Newtown Road,
Wexford,
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Date: 16th July 2019

Re: PCI 1.9.1 'Greenlink Project'

Dear Rachel,

On May 22nd 2019, Greenlink Interconnector Limited (Project Promoter) notified An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) of the 'Greenlink' project in accordance with Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) 347/2013.

Article 10.1(a) of the Regulation provides that An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) shall, including on behalf of other authorities concerned, acknowledge or, if it considers the project as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process, reject the notification. A three month period was provided for this.

Accordingly, as Competent Authority we inform you that the project is considered mature enough to enter the Permit Granting Process under Chapter III of the EU Regulation No. 347/2013. Please note that the date of signature of this acknowledgment of the notification by the competent authority, July 16th, 2019, shall serve as the start of the permit granting process.

We have made Greenlink aware of their obligation under per Article 9(3) of the regulation that they shall, within an indicative period of three months to the start of the permit granting process pursuant to Article 10.(1)(a), draw up and submit a concept for public participation to the competent authority.

Article 10.4(a) & (b) of the Regulation provides that An Bord Pleanála (Competant Authority) shall "identify, in close cooperation with the other authorities concerned....the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted by the project promoter... (and) a detailed schedule for the permit planning process".

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We will contact you in the next few weeks to being to organise this process.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Officer
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