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Dear Sorcha

Please see attached response to your letter of 20th March.

Regards

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Subject: Greenlink Interconnector Project

Dear Matthew,

I refer to my letter dated to you on 20th March in relation to the Greenlink Interconnector Project. Please note that the final date for making any submissions in relation to this project is the 15th May 2020.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

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Our Ref: FS007050

Your Ref: PCI 0004

Dear SORCHA

I write in response to your letter of 20th March 2020 seeking this Department's input in relation to the scope of material/level of detail and the detailed schedule for the process of granting a foreshore licence for the Greenlink Interconnector.

Scope of Material/Level of Detail

This Department is satisfied that the information provided by the project promoter complies with the checklist referred to in Annex VI (1)(e) of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 and pages 20- 21 of ABP's Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures.

- (a) the information leaflet referred to in 8.4(a) above;
- (b) a non-technical and regularly updated summary of no more than 50 pages reflecting the current status of the project and clearly indicating, in case of updates, changes to previous versions; promoters of PCIs are free to make additional information available on their websites. However the information leaflet and the current status summary documents must be stand-alone documents which provide a complete and not misleading view of the project and its current status;
- (c) the project and public consultation planning, clearly indicating dates and

locations for public consultations and hearings and the envisaged subject matters relevant for those hearings;

(d) contact details in view of obtaining the full set of application documents;

(e) contact details in view of convening comments and objections during public consultations.

Schedule of Permit Required from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local

Government (DHPLG) – Foreshore Unit

1. Foreshore Licence

(a) The decisions and opinions to be obtained:

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Foreshore Acts 1933 to 2014 (the “Foreshore Acts”) if, in the opinion of the appropriate Minister, it is in the public interest that a foreshore licence should be granted to any person in respect of any State-owned foreshore authorising such person to place any material or to place or erect any articles, things, structures, or works in or on such foreshore, that Minister may, subject to the provisions of the Foreshore Acts, grant a foreshore licence to such person. GIL has applied for a Foreshore Licence from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) – Foreshore Unit for the installation of the cable and deposition of cable protection material in the foreshore. Once granted the Foreshore Licence – will be valid from the date of grant for a period not exceeding 99 years.

(b) The authorities, stakeholders and the public likely to be concerned:

Consultation has been undertaken with statutory consultees, stakeholders and the public during key stages of the project in respect of the application for a foreshore licence. A record of meetings held with stakeholders is provided in Appendix A of the Marine Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a summary of the consultation undertaken during the design of the project and consultation relevant to the environmental scoping and EIAR is provided in Chapter 5, Section 5.4 of the Marine EIAR. These documents were submitted with the application for the foreshore licence and are available on the Greenlink website.

The principal authorities, stakeholders and public bodies consulted are:

(i) Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) – Foreshore Unit;

- (i) Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DAHG) – Underwater Archaeology Unit;
- (iii) National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) – Development Application Unit;
- (iv) An Bord Pleanála Projects of Common Interest (PCI);
- (v) Marine Institute;
- (vi) Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- (vii) Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine - Aquaculture & Foreshore Management Division;
- (viii) South East Regional Inshore Fisheries Forum;
- (ix) Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation (IS&EFPO);
- (x) Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation (IS&WFPO);
- (xi) Irish Sea Fisheries Board (BIM); and
- (xii) Irish Whale and Dolphin Society (IWDS).

(c) Individual stages of the procedure and their duration:

- (i) GIL submitted the Foreshore Licence Application on 1 August 2019.
- (ii) The Foreshore Unit acknowledged the application on 15 August 2019 and validated the application on 30 October 2019.
- (iii) Public consultation commenced on 12 November 2019 and ended on 8 January 2020.
- (iv) The Foreshore Unit and stakeholders may request additional information from GIL for clarification purposes. Upon receipt of any response to a request for additional information, the Foreshore Unit will review the responses received and will determine whether any further information is required from GIL in order for them to make their decision. The applicant has provided additional information in respect of a request from Underwater Archaeology Unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht which is under consideration.
- (v) The Foreshore Unit have indicated that determination on the application should take place by the end of July 2020. Determination will be posted on the Foreshore Unit website.

(d) Major milestones to be accomplished and their deadlines in view of the comprehensive decision to be taken:

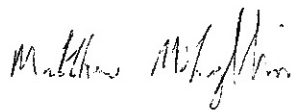
(i) A Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933 (as amended) must be in place before works and activities commence on the State Foreshore in December 2020.

(ii) The Foreshore Unit have indicated that determination on the application should take place by the end of July 2020.

(e) The resources planned by the authority and possible additional resource needs:

It is envisioned that the Foreshore Unit will process the Foreshore Licence through their own in-house licencing team and that no additional resource will be required.

Yours sincerely,



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