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Our Ref: FS006916
(Please quote on all correspondence)

Information in relation to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the “Espoo Convention”) and the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the “Aarhus Convention”).

Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that EirGrid plc, has submitted an application for a Foreshore licence to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (the “Minister”) under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, to occupy an area of the foreshore in Ireland to enable the installation and operation of a submarine High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electricity cable, the “Celtic Interconnector”.

The Celtic Interconnector is a proposed electrical link, consisting primarily of a subsea cable, which will enable the exchange of electricity between Ireland and France and will be the first direct energy link between the two countries, running from the south coast of Ireland at Youghal, Co. Cork to the north-west coast of France. The Celtic Interconnector has been designated as a Project of Common Interest (PCI) pursuant to the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure.

The Foreshore licence application for this proposed project is currently being considered by the Minister under the Foreshore Act 1933, and the Minister may decide to grant or to refuse a licence having considered all relevant matters. A decision to grant a licence may be accompanied by specific conditions which the applicant would be required to adhere to.

Transboundary screening

While the Proposed Development **has been identified as not being** a project within the scope of paragraph 2 of Appendix 1 to the Espoo Convention and EU Directive 2011/92/EU, (as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (“the EIA



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Directive”), nevertheless the applicant submitted a voluntary EIAR with the application therefore this notification is intended to inform you of proposed project and provide you with details of the location and activities involved.

The Minister will make a Determination on the issue in due course which will be available on the Department’s website at <https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7bfb1-eirgrid-celtic-interconnector-electricity-cable/#>

Full details of the proposed development and any available information on its possible effects on the environment in France can be viewed on a dedicated website setup by Eirgrid plc. www.celticinterconnectorforeshorelicence.ie

Full details of EirGrid plc’s Foreshore licence application to the Foreshore Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the Celtic Interconnector Project are available to view on this website. In addition, the Foreshore licence application and supporting documents are uploaded onto the Department’s website;
<https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7bfb1-eirgrid-celtic-interconnector-electricity-cable/#>

Please submit any correspondence for consideration on this matter to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage **within four weeks** from the above date by e-mail to foreshore@housing.gov.ie or by post to Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Ireland. (Quoting Ref: FS006916)

Yours Sincerely,

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Foreshore Unit

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