

Reason for name change from Saipem to Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)

In Q1 2021 a change occurred to the Interreg funded AFLOWT project which resulted in Saipem (the technology developer) taking the decision to deploy their floating offshore wind turbine at the Mistral site in France, rather than at the AMETS site in Belmullet, Co Mayo.

The AMETS site will continue to be progressed to allow for the deployment of floating offshore wind technologies under the AFLOWT project. The AFLOWT workscope change will involve the acquisition of ecological data for input into an Environmental Assessment Report (EIAR), as well as other data to assess site suitability. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report will underpin the licence application to allow for floating offshore wind technologies to test at the full scale test site.

The licence application will also form part of the AFLOWT workscope. Out with the AFLOWT project, the SEAI will continue to progress the site for the deployment of all marine renewable technologies.