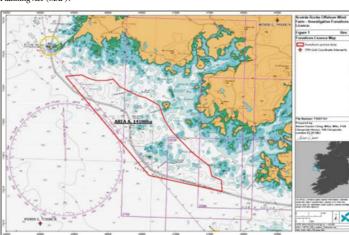
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PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR A FORESHORE LICENCE and INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT

Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Foreshore licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the proposed Sceirde Rocks Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) site investigations to determine geotechnical, geophysical, metocean, wind resource and benthic characteristics within the Foreshore Licence Area. The results of the site investigations will be used to determine the feasibility of developing an offshore wind farm and informing the design of the Sceirde Rocks OWF Project following which the Project will be progressed in accordance with the National Marine Planning Framework and other relevant legislation including the new consenting regime for offshore renewable energy being legislated for through the Maritime Area Planning Act (MAP).



The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a decision on the application and the Minister may either grant, approve or consent to the application with or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – SECTION 19 OF THE FORESHORE ACT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 19 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, as amended, that Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta has applied to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a Licence under the Foreshore Act 1933, as amended, for the purposes of the above project. In this regard, in accordance with Section 19, public submissions are invited on the proposed plan and project

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS ON APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 42(13) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended, of an application for a foreshore licence in relation to the above project. The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is responsible for making a $decision \ on \ the \ application \ and \ the \ Minister \ may \ either \ grant, \ approve \ or \ consent \ to \ the \ application \ with$ or without covenants, conditions or agreements, where applicable, or refuse the application. The Minister has determined, in accordance with Regulation 42(6) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the proposed plan or project. A copy of the Screening for Appropriate Assessment is available on:

https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7a077-fuinneamh-sceirde-teoranta-siteinvestigations-for-the-proposed-sceirde-rocks-offshore-wind-farm/

The Minister will make a determination as to whether or not the proposed plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site in accordance with Regulation 42(11) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and, in doing so, shall have regard to the matters in Regulation 42(12).

In this regard, in accordance with Regulation 42(13), any person may make a submission or observation to the Minister concerning the proposed project within 30 days of the 30th January 2023. The Minister shall have regard to any submissions or observations received during the public consultation. A copy of the application, map of the proposed project, location map coordinates, the determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required in respect of the project, the Natura Impact Statement, and the other information and documentation relevant to the application, are available for inspection for 30

- Relevant Garda Station Clifden Garda Station, Galway Rd, Clifden, Co. Galway. 095-22500/085-8814626 Or Carna Garda Station (by appointment only), Carna, Co. Galway (contact Eoin O'Malley, 085-8814626 or eoin.p.omalley@garda.ie)
- Or Kilrush Garda Station, Ennis Rd, Kilrush, Co. Clare. 065-9080550 Offices of a planning authority or An Bord Pleanála Planning Department, Galway County Council, County Buildings,

calendar days, between 30th January 2023 and 28th February 2023, free of charge at:

- Prospect Hill, Galway. 091-509000
 - Or Clare County Council, Planning Department, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare. 065-6846232
- Relevant local library
 - Clifden Library, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway. 091-509616 Or Kilkee Library, O'Connell Street, Kilkee, Co. Clare. 065-9056034

This documentation and information is also available on the Department's website, at: https://www.gov.ie/en/foreshore-notice/7a077-fuinneamh-sceirde-teoranta-site-

investigations-for-the-proposed-sceir de-rocks-off shore-wind-farm/Members of the public who wish to make a submission or observation in writing concerning the proposed project may do so between 30th January 2023 and 28th February 2023 (quoting ref: FS007161) to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Foreshore Section, Department of Housing, Local

Government and Heritage, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshoreORE@housing.gov.ie. The closing date for submissions is close of business (17.30) on 28th February 2023 Take notice that material to which the Minster shall have regard in making the Appropriate Assessment determination will be published on the Department's website. In this regard, the Department wishes to draw attention to its policy on defamatory material that may be contained in submissions it receives, which may be found at:

http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/foreshore/public-participation-foreshore-public-partic-participation-foreshore-public-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-partic-parconsent-process

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