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Inspection and maintenance survey of the Corrib Field offshore pipeline and subsea structures – Approval of vessels to be used

Dear Jarlath,

I refer to the correspondence between Vermilion Exploration & Production Ireland Ltd (VEPIL) and the Geoscience Regulation Office (GSRO) of the Department regarding the vessels to be used to conduct the Inspection and maintenance survey of the Corrib Field offshore pipeline and subsea structures, between the months of March and September 2022. Condition 7 of Letter of Approval to conduct an inspection and maintenance survey of the Corrib Field offshore pipeline and subsea structures, dated 2 June 2022 ('Letter of Approval') states:

> *As the vessels to be used are not yet known Vermillion must seek approval from the Department prior to commencement of the proposed activities. In this event, confirmation will be required that the survey equipment and methodology on the vessel(s) are equivalent to that described in the EIA Screening Report (appendix 1) and that the description of the development used to inform the Environmental Risk Assessment is still valid.*

On 17th May 2022 VEPIL wrote to the GSRO, confirming that contracts have been finalised and the vessels for the offshore and nearshore survey campaign have been appointed, as follows:

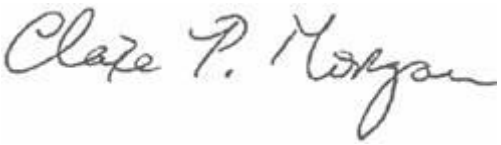
- EDT Jane for the offshore
- Leah C for the nearshore

VEPIL provided details of the vessel specifications and survey equipment specifications to the GSRO on 19th May 2022 and 26th May 2022.

Following a review by the Environment Assessment Unit (EAU) of the Department of the information provided by VEPIL on the vessels, the EAU is satisfied that the vessels proposed by the applicant (VEPIL) would not materially alter the conclusions of the EIA Screening Determination (dated 8th March, 2022) and AA Determination (dated 3rd May, 2022) as the vessels will utilise equivalent/identical survey equipment as those described in the applicant EIA Screening Report (dated December, 2021).

The use of the vessel EDT Jane for the offshore element of the survey and the vessel Leah C for the nearshore element of the survey is therefore approved, in accordance with Condition 7 of the Letter of Approval.

Yours sincerely



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