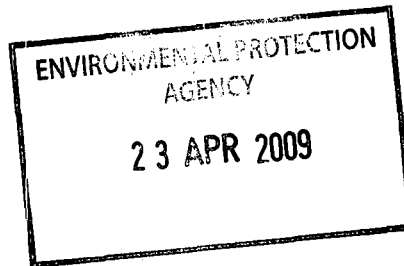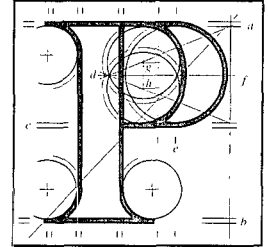*Our Ref:* 16.GA0004

Your Ref:

An Bord Pleanála

Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford.

21st April 2009

Re: Re-routing of onshore upstream gas pipeline facility relating to
the Corrib Gas Field Project , Co. Mayo.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above-mentionedcase.

In accordance with section 134(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
An Bord Pleanála has decided to hold an oral hearing in relation to the proposed development.

In this regard, an oral hearing will be held into the objections which have been received
against the confirmation of the compulsory purchase order which pertains and also into the
application and the submissions/observationswhich have been received in relation to the likely
effects on the environment of the proposed development and the likely consequences for
proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the
said development and to report to the Board thereon.

Due to the scale and complexity of the above-mentionedcase, the Board has decided to hold a
preliminary meeting of the oral hearing prior to the commencement of the substantive oral
hearing. The primary purpose of the preliminary meeting of the oral hearing is to facilitate the
setting out of a detailed agenda for the substantive hearing. Those parties who intend to make
an oral submission at the substantive hearing are invited to attend the preliminary hearing.
Parties are not obliged to make oral submissions at the hearing. It should be noted that, in any
event, written submissions already submitted will be considered by the Board.

Parties wishing to make a formal oral submission at the substantive hearing are requested to
indicate the following at the preliminary meeting of the hearing:

(a) The approximate length of time that the submission will take

(b) Whether or not technical or other experts will be called upon to present the case

(c) Whether or not they intend to cross-examine at the hearing if invited by the presiding
inspector

Having regard to the large numbers of written submissions received by the Board and to the
commonality of issues raised in many of those, it would be helpful and desirable for the
conduct of the hearing that those with similar submissions/observations would consider
grouping together with a single representative/spokesperson or team for the purposes of
participating in the proceedings.

An important aspect of the preliminary meeting will be to set out the running order for the oral
submissions at the substantive hearing. This running order will be adhered to as close as
possible in order to facilitate all parties wishing to make oral submissions.

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The arrangements for the opening of the preliminary meeting of the oral hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 13th May 2009

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Broadhaven Bay Hotel, Ballina Road, Belmullet, Co. Mayo

Please be advised that the Board has also made arrangements for the commencement of the substantive oral hearing, which are as set out below:

Date: Tuesday 19th May 2009

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Broadhaven Bay Hotel, Ballina Road, Belmullet, Co. Mayo

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.
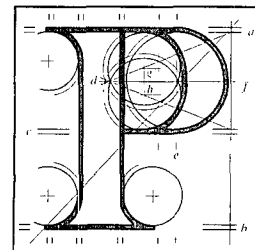
Yours faithfully,

Alan McArdle
Executive Officer   **Registered Post**

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