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Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Dumping at Sea Licence Ref: S0012-02

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(Please quote this reference in all related correspondence)

29 April 2014

Anne Kehoe Programme Officer EPA Johnstown Castle Wexford

Re: Notification to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under Article 28 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001.

Proposed Development: Dumping at sea licence application by Port of Waterford Company.

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On behalf of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to your authority's notification in relation to the above.

Outlined below are the observations and recommendations of the Department in relation to underwater archaeology.

Having considered the Further Information as supplied, the Department has no objections to the dredging programme, as currently specified.

As has been agreed between Waterford Port and the National Monuments Service's Underwater Archaeology Unit, the following should be included as a condition of any licence/permit issued:

- 1. The exclusion zone as defined around the two protected wreck sites on Duncannon Bar to continue to be adhered to and no dredging shall take place within the exclusion zone.
- 2. The details and co-ordinates of the exclusion zone to be supplied to all contracted dredging companies.

3. The track plots for the dredging operations to be supplied to the Department.

4. Results of hydrographical studies/surveys carried out pre- and post-dredging to be supplied to the Department.

5. If any timbers or artefacts are noted or recovered during the course of the dredging works, in any part of the harbour, it should be notified to the Department immediately and dredging shall cease in that area until a member of the Department has had a chance to view the material.

It should be noted that, if in the future, deeper depths may be required, the Department may have archaeological requirements, in the form of archaeological assessment in advance of or post-dredging or archaeological monitoring during the dredging programme, may be requested.

The acknowledgement to this letter, any further information and the planning authority's decision should ideally be sent to <u>manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie</u>; if this is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

For inspection purposes only, any other i

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