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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above dated 5th March last as received by us on 6th March.

Have read the application including the EIS, we wish to make the following submission.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a Statutory Body established on the 1st July 2010. Under section 7(1) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) the principal function of IFI is the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries resource. Under section 7(3) of the IFI Act it is stated that *without prejudice to subsection (1), IFI shall in the performance of its functions have regard to (g) the requirements of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997) and the need for the sustainable development of the inland fisheries resource (including the conservation of fish and other species of fauna and flora habitats and the biodiversity of inland water ecosystems), (h) as far as possible, ensure that its activities are carried out so as to protect the national heritage (within the meaning of the Heritage Act 1995).*

The EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) entered into force in December 2000 requires the protection of the ecological status of river catchments – this encompasses water quality and requires the conservation of habitats for ecological communities. One of the primary objectives of the Directive is to establish a framework which prevents further deterioration and protects and enhances the status of aquatic ecosystems. Protection of aquatic ecosystems requires that river systems be protected on a catchment basis.

Article 5 of the 2009 Surface Water Regulations requires that a public authority, in performance of its functions, shall not undertake those functions in a manner that knowingly causes or allows deterioration in the chemical or ecological status of a body of surface water. Also article 28(2) of the said Regulations states that a surface water body whose status is determined to be less than good shall be restored to at least good status not later than the end

of 2015 and any water body of good status should remain at at least this status.. We note that this application is adjacent to the Matt (Balbriggan) River of *Good* status.

IFI has no objection to this application. However please ensure that the EPA are happy with the washwater treatment arrangements that exist on site as outlined on page 21 of the EIS submitted. The treated effluent discharges directly to the Matt River.

We look forward to your decision in due course.

Regards

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