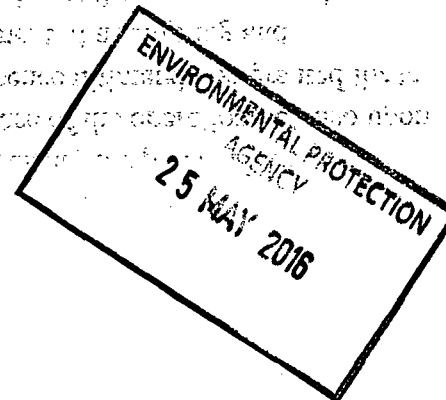




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Re: Waste Licence Application W0290-01
Bantry Inner Harbour Development Phase 1

A chara,

IFI would make the following comments in relation to the above-mentioned application.

Central to the proposal is the removal either via dredging or reclamation of a considerable area of tidal and inter-tidal habitat. The significance of assorted fisheries in close proximity to the proposed development has been documented in the EIS, as has the potential for negative impact particularly during the dredging and construction phase of the operation but also upon completion of the works. IFI would suggest that should a licence ultimately be granted for the proposed development that conditions require the establishment of a sampling and monitoring programme of both water and fish pre, during and post the construction phase. Parameters to be monitored should include those listed in the Shellfish Water Directive in relation to fish while as a minimum requirement with respect to water would include suspended solids, turbidity, heavy metals and TBT. Additionally IFI would suggest a requirement whereby that should monitoring during the construction phase identify a significant negative impact on the aquatic environment or its use, then an alternative lower impact dredging mechanism should be employed.

Yours sincerely,

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