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Good afternoon,

Please see attached my submission re Waterford Port's Dumping at Sea Application S0012-05.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Regards

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I wish to make a submission in support of Waterford Port's Dumping at Sea Application S0012-05.

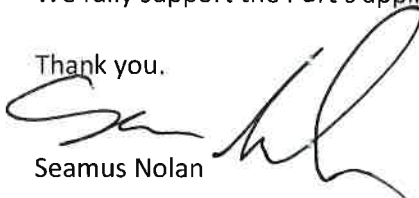
Since its formation in 1997, Southeast Port Services has grown to become the leading stevedore, ships' agency and storage provider in Waterford. We provide a full range of services, handling up to 200 vessels per year. As well as stevedoring dry-bulk, break-bulk and general cargoes, we also handle outsized cargoes and specialise in Renewable Energy components including wind turbine blades and tower sections. We recently handled the largest turbine blades ever imported into Ireland.

Our services are directly linked to the ability of ships being able to safely access the port. If the navigation channels in the port are not appropriately dredged, ships would be forced further afield and their cargoes then transported back to the south east by road. The carbon cost and environmental impact of this is too high to ignore.

Our company has invested heavily in Waterford over the years and it would be a serious concern if Waterford Port became less attractive to shipping companies. It would affect our business, our commercial relationships, and our ability to attract new customers. Furthermore, not granting the permit would be to the detriment of all port users and the south east region as a whole. The national strategy for renewable energy would also be negatively affected.

We fully support the Port's application to renew its dredging permit.

Thank you.



Seamus Nolan

