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Dear Licensing

Please see attached comments in relation to the dumping at sea application S0037-01

Regards

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MED Foreshore Comments

DUMPING AT SEA LICENCE FOR WICKLOW HARBOUR

EPA REG: S0037-01 WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL - DUMPING AT SEA APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

The proposal is for a Dumping at Sea licence, for the maintenance dredging of Wicklow Harbour. These maintenance operations are intended to be a continuation of previous .

Previous Foreshore licences and permits have been granted to Wicklow Port in relation to this proposal: Permit No. 272 - Granted 1997 Permit S0017-01 – Granted 2013.

The area in question is located in Wicklow Harbour with a proposed disposal site off the East Coast of Wicklow. The area falls approximately 45km to the south from the Fishery Harbour Centre at Howth.

SEA FISHING

Sea fishing does occur in proximity to this area; however any impact on sea-fishing is not a matter for this office.

FISHERY HARBOURS

The nearest Fishery Harbour Centre is Howth F.H.C. Due to the distance separating them and the proposed area as indicated on drawings, the proposal as presented is unlikely to have any impact on this or any other FHC.

AQUACULTURE

Due to the nature of the proposal as submitted, there are no local licensed aquaculture sites close by that are likely to be impacted by this application. The closest licenced location is circa 26km away at to the South.

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

MED is aware that there are a number of other proposed offshore wind generation proposals in the same and adjoining areas as well as foreshore licences for harbour and cable laying routes and works. There has been a significant increase in recent years, of Offshore Renewable Energy investigations and developments, plans and projects in the Irish Sea. Commentary on the cumulative impact of these types of developments in conjunction with this application, on a Natura 2000 site, is not a matter for this office.



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CONCLUSION

MED has no objections to the application as set out in the documents provided. It is noted that there are increasing numbers of proposals for the Irish Sea and that as with those applications, appropriate monitoring and measures and best practice must be followed during the to ensure that the proposed survey works do not cause any direct or cumulative negative impacts on environmental sites, aquaculture and fishery harbour operations.

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