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Good Evening,

I refer to the above and attach herewith submission on behalf of MARA.

I would be obliged if you could acknowledge receipt of same.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer.

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Date: 6th March 2025

Environmental Protection Agency Reference: Case Reference: S0039-01

Re: Dumping at Sea Permit Application from Port of Cork Company for Ringaskiddy West

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above and acknowledge receipt of the notice in relation to an Application for a Dumping at Sea Permit at Ringaskiddy West from Port of Cork Company.

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Dumping at Sea permit application. MARA's functions extend to the entire maritime area, from high water of ordinary tides to the outer limit of the continental shelf, encompassing the State's territorial seas and Exclusive Economic Zone. Our comments relate only to activity within the maritime area. Our comments should not be interpreted as inferring any aspect of assessment of the permit application.

Maritime Usage Licences

MARA is responsible for licensing maritime usage activities under Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAP Act) including navigational and maintenance dredging and depositing of any substance or object in the sea or on or under the seabed. Where the activity requires an Environmental Impact Assessment to be undertaken, the activity is regulated through the planning system.

Maritime Area Consent

MARA is not responsible for granting development permission (this function falls to An Bord Pleanála and the coastal planning authorities). It facilitates a streamlined consenting process for developers, and a route for developers to the planning system, by assessing applications for Maritime Area Consents (MACs) under the Maritime Area Planning (MAP) Act, 2021, as amended. In the case of the project the applicant may be required under Section 75 of the MAP Act to make an application to MARA for a MAC before submitting a planning permission for the project, should the relevant planning authority determine the project is not exempt from planning having regard to Section 4(1A)(d) of

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the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), by reason of Section 4(1B) and (1C), and a requirement for an environmental impact assessment and/or appropriate assessment of the development.

To assist in the assessment of the proposed, the following links to Maritime Area Consents, Maritime Usage Licences and Foreshore Act Consents may be of relevance for your consideration.

MAC Applications:

[Applications Received - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

[Applications Determined - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

Maritime Usage Licences:

[Applications - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

[Applications Determined - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

Foreshore:

[Foreshore Applications - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

Foreshore:

[gov - Foreshore Notices \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie)

Having regard to the nature of the application the Environmental Protection Agency is the appropriate body under the legislation to assess the wider environmental issues associated with this application, MARA has no further observations to make in this regard.

The making of submissions or observations by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority shall not prejudice the performance by it or any of its other functions.

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned in the Assessment, Research and Data Unit of MARA directly. I would be grateful if receipt of this correspondence, could be formally acknowledged by email to the following consultation@mara.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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