Appendix 1

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011, S.I. No. 477 of 2011, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site listed below.

Licence/Permit Application Details:

Reg. No.	W0262-01
Applicant Name:	KIERNAN SAND AND GRAVEL LTD
Location of Facility:	FOXTOWN, SUMMERHILL, COUNTY MEATH
Licence Application Date:	13 FEBRUARY 2009
European Sites assessed:	River Boyne and River Blackwater cSAC (Site Code 002299)
	Boyne River and Blackwater River SPA (Site Code 004232)
	Trim Wetlands pNHA (Site Code 001357)
	Rathmoylan Esker (Site Code 000557)
	Royal Canal (Site Code 002103)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	29 SEPTEMBER 2015

AA Screening Determination:

That the **activity** is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of **the site as a European Site** and that it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information, that the **activity**, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the **activity** is not required, and for this reason determined not to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

The reasons for which the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is not required are as follows:

- The facility is not located within a European Site.

- The activity will not result in damage to, or loss of, habitat in a European Site.
- There will be no process discharge from the facility to the European Sites.

Dr. Magnus Amajirionwu Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use Date: 29 September 2015