

EIA Screening Determination

In accordance with Section 83(2A) of the EPA Act 1992, as amended, the Agency has, as part of its consideration of the Industrial Emissions licence application referenced below, determined whether the application should be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency. The determination, and the reasons for the determination, are detailed below.

Application Details:

Reg No.	P1172-01
Applicant Name:	Amazon Data Services Ireland Limited
Location of installation:	Blanchardstown Industrial Park, Snugborough Road, Dublin, Dublin, D15 V978
Authorisation Type	Industrial Emissions Licence
Licence Application Date:	24 February 2022
Date of EIA Screening Determination:	17 January 2023

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EIA, as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency, is not required for the activity to which the above licence application relates due to the following reasons:

The activity (located on an approx. 13 hectare site in an industrial park) is below the specified thresholds of project types 3 (a) and 10 (a) in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended:

3. (a) Industrial installations for the production of electricity, steam and hot water not included in Part 1 of this Schedule with a heat output of 300 megawatts or more.

10 (a) Industrial estate development projects, where the area would exceed 15 hectares.

Having considered the information provided by the applicant, which satisfies the requirements of Annex II A of the EIA Directive, it has been determined that the activity is not likely to give rise to significant effects on the environment by virtue of its nature, size or location. This determination has been made having regard to the following:

- The limited nature of emissions from the activity.

- Air emissions from the emergency back-up generators, emergency back-up fire pumps and diesel tank emergency breather vents are not considered significant. There are no other process emissions to air.
- Non-domestic effluent generated from the installation consists of surface water drainage from the diesel tank farm, associated unloading bays and the transformer compound. This effluent will be discharged to sewer and ultimately treated in Ringsend WWTP. Treated effluent from the Ringsend WWTP is discharged in accordance with an EPA waste water discharge licence.
- In addition to stormwater runoff from building roofs, yards and the road network, there are emissions to surface water of residual cooling water (recirculated mains water) associated with the evaporative cooling process in the Air Handling Units. The stormwater and residual cooling water indirectly joins the Tolka River which ultimately connects to Dublin Bay >12 kms downstream of the installation. These emissions are not considered significant.
- There are no direct process emissions to ground or groundwater from the installation.
- The activity will not generate significant dust or noise emissions.
- The cumulative effect with other existing and/or approved projects will not be significant.

Submissions on a licence application can be made before the Proposed Determination is issued. Information on the public participation process is available on the Agency's website at www.epa.ie.



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