



## **East West Interconnector Project (EWIC)**

### **Quarterly Report**

#### **Quarter 4 2012**

##### **Progress Overview:**

The commercial operation of the East West Interconnector was temporarily deferred in October 2012 following reported telephone noise interference in the vicinity of part of the land route of the Interconnector.

EirGrid and ABB have been working cooperatively with the telecommunications network providers to address this reported telephone noise interference. The Interconnector moved to an extended trial mode from 1<sup>st</sup> December in an alternate operational mode which demonstrated a reduction in reported telephone noise interference.

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## **Marine**

The final 15km of rock placement activities commenced in December and is expected to be finalised in January 2013. Three guard vessels remain in situ across the route.

## **Design and Construction**

Operational Certificates were issued by both EirGrid and National Grid following successful completion of grid code testing.

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