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APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING DETERMINATION
CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT A DOWNSTREAM PIPELINE
LAUGHANSTOWN, CO. DUBLIN

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In accordance with:

- Article 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC (the “Habitats Directive”); and
- Regulations 42(1) and 42(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011) (as amended)

Prior to taking any decision on the granting of consent to construct a downstream pipeline, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (“CRU”) has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and a determination has been made in relation to an application for the construction of a downstream pipeline at Laughanstown, Co. Dublin.

The AA Screening has had regard to:


- Information contained in application documentation including the AA Screening documentation provided by the applicant in relation to the proposed project; and
- The analysis and conclusions of the *Screening for Appropriate Assessment Evaluation Report - Laughanstown AGI and Pipeline* (RPS, 2019) (the “RPS Report”), which is adopted as a record of the CRU’s AA Screening.

Having reviewed and considered the information on the proposed project and the RPS Report, CRU concludes, in view of the European Site’s conservation objectives and on the basis of objective scientific information, that the proposed project is not likely to have significant effects on any European Sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. This conclusion is based on the following factors and considerations:

- The proposed project is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site;
- The nature, scale and location of the proposed project;
- The distance between the project and any European Sites; lack of ecological connection via hydrogeological, hydrological or other ecological pathways to some and hydrological distance downstream and potential for coastal water dilution to others;

- The lack of habitat in the proposed project footprint likely to support mobile SCI species for feeding/breeding/roosting.

Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, CRU has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.



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