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25 February 2025

Dear Programme Officer

### **Re: Dalradian Gold Mine Project Public Local Inquiry – Transboundary Consultation**

Further to the suspension of the Public Local Inquiry on 15 January 2025, to enable further transboundary consultation to take place, I enclose associated correspondence to date, as requested.

A copy of the notice published in the Belfast Gazette will be forwarded when it is made available to the Department.

Yours sincerely

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30 January 2025

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

**Dalradian Gold Mine Project Transboundary Consultation**

On 27 November 2017, Dalradian Gold Limited (“**DGL**”) applied to the Department for Infrastructure (“**Dfi**”), pursuant to section 26(5) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (“the PA 2011”), for planning permission for underground valuable minerals mining and exploration, surface level development including processing plant and other associated development and ancillary works in Greencastle, County Tyrone (ref. LA10/2017/1249/F) (“**the Mine Application**”).

The Mine Application is one of a number of applications that have been submitted in order to facilitate the Curraghinalt project (“**the Project**”). Pursuant to reg. 48(2)(b) of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 (“**the 2017 EIA Regulations**”), the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (“**the 2015 EIA Regulations**”) apply to the Mine Application in light of the fact that DGL made a request for a screening direction under reg. 7 of the 2015 EIA Regulations before 16 May 2017.

On 22 November 2019, Northern Ireland Electricity (“**NIE**”) applied to Dfi for planning permission for overhead powerlines to service the mine development (refs. LA11/2019/1000/F and LA10/2019/1386/F) (“**the Powerlines Applications**”). The 2017 EIA Regulations apply to the Powerline Applications.

A number of other applications have been made for various consents to facilitate the Project. These include:

- a. Two applications to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (“**NIEA**”) for discharge consent under the Water Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (refs. TrC 80/20 and TrC 081/20) (“the Discharge Consent Applications”);
- b. Two applications to NIEA for licences to abstract and impound water under the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (refs. AIL/2024/0008 and AIL/2024/0009) (“the Licence Applications”); and
- c. An application to DfI for a road abandonment order under the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (ref DR001) (“the Road Abandonment Application”).

The eight applications referred to above are referred to collectively below as “**the Applications**”.

### The Public Local Inquiry

In September 2021, DfI directed the Planning Appeals Commission (“**the PAC**”) to convene a public local inquiry (“**PLI**”) to consider the Applications. The PAC decided that the Applications would be considered on a conjoined basis. The PLI was listed to start on 13 January 2025.

A pre-inquiry meeting was held on 20 March 2024, following which Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (“**FODC**”) informed DfI that it considered transboundary consultation to be necessary.

DfI contacted Donegal County Council (“**DCC**”), as the authority considered most likely to be concerned with the potential effects of the Project, in order to establish whether DCC considered transboundary consultation to be necessary. DfI sought DCC’s view in correspondence dated 29 April 2024. DCC confirmed on 22 November 2024 that it wished to engage in transboundary consultation by reference to a hydrological link between the Mine and Powerline Applications and the River Finn SAC which flows into the Republic of Ireland (“**ROI**”). DfI did not formally consult the Government of Ireland at this time.

On 28 November, DCC advertised the Mine and Powerline Applications in its local press and initiated a consultation period which ended on 6 January 2025. On 13 December 2024, DfI advertised the Applications in the Belfast Gazette in order to comply with the requirements of reg. 27 of the 2015 EIA Regulations and reg. 29 of the 2017 EIA Regulations.

The PLI opened on 13 January 2025. It was attended by residents of Donegal and Leitrim. On 14 January, it became apparent at the PLI that references to the planning portal, on which DfI hosted information associated with the Mine and Powerline Applications, was not sufficient to identify all of the relevant information associated with these three applications. Concerns were raised by members of the public (including residents of Donegal and Leitrim) that the transboundary consultation to date had been insufficient to alert all those who might be interested in the effects of the Applications, and that it did not afford the

public sufficient time to consider the Applications given the length and complexity of the associated documentation.

Having heard representations from many parties at the PLI, it became clear that fairness, effective public participation, and the 2015 and 2017 EIA Regulations all required further transboundary consultation. The PAC therefore took the decision to suspend the PLI on 15 January 2025 to enable further transboundary consultation to take place. The PAC asked for correspondence between the DfI and the Government of Ireland, relating to the transboundary consultation, to be sent to the PAC as soon as possible (and in any event by 11 March 2025) so that a mid-inquiry meeting, timetabled for 26 March, could be used to consider further the procedure for dealing with transboundary matters.

### Further transboundary consultation

Pursuant to regs. 27 and 29 of the 2015 and 2017 EIA Regulations respectively, DfI encloses below a description of the Project, weblinks on which information on the Project's possible significant effects on the environment in the ROI can be found, and information as to the determination of the Applications, so that you can decide whether you wish to engage in transboundary consultation.

### Description of and information about the Project

As noted above, the three applications which formally require transboundary consultation under the EIA Regulations are the Mine Application and Powerlines Applications. The details of these Applications and links to the environmental information and other documentation relevant to the planning applications are as follows:

- **Mine Application**

Planning reference: LA10/2017/1249/F

Planning portal references: LA10/2017/1249/F and SPD/2017/1249/F

Weblinks to planning portal:

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149301>

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/685151>

Weblink to DfI website:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project>

Proposal: Underground valuable minerals mining and exploration, surface level development including processing plant and other associated development and ancillary works, Greencastle, County Tyrone. Please see application form P1, sheet 1 for full project description.

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/685151>

“Documents” tab - then “Application Form” in the 'Document type' drop down)

Location: Lands NW Of Greencastle, E Of Rouskey, N Of Crockanboy Rd, W Of Mullydoo Road, N And S Of Camcosy Rd, Including Lands 165m W Of No. 45 Camcosy Road To The Junction Of Camcosy Rd And Crockanboy Rd, And Lands 47m To The SE Of 73 Crockanboy Rd.

- **Powerline Application**

Planning reference: LA10/2019/1386/F

Planning portal reference: LA10/2019/1386/F

Weblinks to planning portal:

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149709>

Weblink to Dfl website:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project>

Proposal: 33kV power line involving both construction of above ground 33kV overhead line supported by wooden poles and underground 33kV cable laid below ground level in ducts, to serve Curraghinalt mine (currently under consideration planning application LA10/2017/1249/F). 33kV connection is c37.9 km in length, comprising of c26.9 km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c11 km of underground cabling. c 15.1 km of the powerline is within the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area comprising of c 8.2 km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c 6.9 km of underground cabling.

Location: 737m NW of 56 Mullydoo Road Greencastle, through townlands of Crockanboy, Teebane West, Casorna, Rousky, Drumlea, Garvagh, Meenadoo, Trinamadan and Culvacullion ending at 785m NW of 24 Meenadoo Road Culvacullion Gortin.

- **Powerline Application**

Planning reference: LA11/2019/1000/F

Planning portal reference: LA11/2019/1000/F

Weblinks to planning portal:

<https://planningregister.planningsystemni.gov.uk/application/149710>

Weblink to Dfl website:

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Location: Adjoining 89 Woodend Road Ballymagorry, through townlands of Ballymagorry, Woodend, Milltown, Ballee, Holly-hill, Kennaghan, Owenreagh, Knockanbrack, Lagvittal, Knocklnarvoer, Craignagapple, Lagavadder, Ballykeery, Craigatuke, Meendamph, Balix Upper, Letterbrat, Glencoppogagh

(Main Portion), Aghalane and Lisnacraight ending at 681m NW of 24 Meenadoo Road Culvacullion Gortin.

Please note that in addition to the Planning Portal, DfI is in the process of uploading information (which has been uploaded onto the various planning portal pages for the Mine and Powerlines Applications) onto the DfI webpages referred to above. These webpages will also include the environmental statements, the application documents, the plans, and in addition the statements of case and rebuttals, which are associated with the Mine and Powerlines Applications. Details about the Habitats Regulations Assessment which DfI is carrying out will also be provided on these webpages in due course. Shadow appropriate assessments are also included in the environmental information provided by the Applicants for both the mine and powerlines.

As indicated earlier, the PLI will also consider five other applications. Your attention is drawn to these Applications for completeness and in the event that you may wish to consult on these applications too. The details of these Applications are as follows:

- **Applications for discharge consent under the Water Order (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Application for Consent to Discharge ref TrC 80/20:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/application-consent-discharge-trc-8020>

Application for Consent to Discharge ref TrC 81/20:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/application-consent-discharge-trc-08120>

- **Applications for licences to abstract and impound water under the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

Applications to abstract and impound water refs AIL 2024 0008 and AIL/2024/0009:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/dalradian-gold-applications-abstraction-and-impoundment>

- **Application for a road abandonment order under the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993**

Application for a road abandonment order ref DR001:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/modified-abandonment-crockanboy-road-greencastle-county-tyrone>

### Next steps

The PAC has listed a mid-inquiry meeting for 26 March 2025, at which it wishes to consider the progress of the transboundary consultations. DfI would appreciate if you could confirm,

as soon as possible and respectfully no later than 17 February 2025, whether you wish to engage in transboundary consultation and, if so, what period of time you consider reasonable in order to facilitate consultation on the three Applications for which DfI has responsibility for determining (the Mine Application and Powerlines Applications). DfI considers that a period of 12 weeks would be appropriate to enable consultation to take place within the ROI and responses (if any) to be submitted to DfI

We have copied DCC into this letter given that DCC was consulted previously and residents of Donegal sought to participate in the PLI in January 2025, however the extent of consultation within ROI is, of course, a matter for the Government of Ireland.

We welcome any queries, and we would be happy to provide any further information to the extent relevant. Please direct any correspondence to the following addresses:

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Yours sincerely



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30 January 2025

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

**Re Dalradian Gold Mine Project Transboundary Consultation - Planning Applications:**

Planning reference: LA10/2017/1249/F  
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Planning portal reference: LA11/2019/1000/F

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Further to the Department for Infrastructure's ("Dfl") initiation of transboundary consultation in relation to the above applications on 29 April 2024 and your responses of 22 November 2024 and 10 January 2025, I am writing to inform you of a procedural matter that arose at the public local inquiry ("PLI") which was convened by Dfl to consider the above applications.

The Planning Appeals Commission ("PAC") opened the PLI on 13 January 2025. It was attended by residents of Donegal and Leitrim. On 14 January, it became apparent at the PLI that references to the planning portal, on which Dfl hosted information associated with the above applications, was not sufficient to identify all of the relevant information associated with these three applications i.e. the reference of a second planning portal page for the mine application (SPD/2017/1249/F) had not been provided to you.

In addition, concerns were raised by members of the public that the transboundary consultation to date had been insufficient to alert all those who might be interested in the effects of the applications, and that it did not afford the public sufficient time to consider the applications given the length and complexity of the associated documentation.

The PAC therefore took the decision to suspend the PLI on 15 January 2025 to enable a further transboundary consultation to take place in line with due process and the regulations below.

Pursuant to regs. 27 and 29 of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 respectively, DfI has sent the attached letter to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the Republic of Ireland to initiate transboundary consultation with the Republic of Ireland. Please take this letter to constitute re-consultation for the purposes of transboundary consultation under Directive 2011/92/EU. As set out in the attached letter to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the extent and nature of consultation within the Republic of Ireland is of course a matter for the Government of Ireland.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact DfI. Please direct any correspondence to the following addresses:

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06 February 2025

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

### **Re: Dalradian Gold Mine Project Transboundary Consultation:**

**Planning permission for underground valuable minerals mining and exploration, surface level development including processing plant and other associated development and ancillary works in Greencastle, County Tyrone (ref. LA10/2017/1249/F)<sup>1</sup>**

**Planning permission for overhead powerlines to service the mine development (refs. LA11/2019/1000/F and LA10/2019/1386/F)**

Further to the Department for Infrastructure's letter of 30 January 2025, pursuant to regulations 27(2)(b) of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and 29(3)(b) of the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 ("information on the nature of the decision which may be taken") I can further inform you that:

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<sup>1</sup> The information associated with the application is contained on two pages, accessible via the Planning Portal using references LA10/2017/1249/F (page 1) and SPD/2017/1249/F (page 2).

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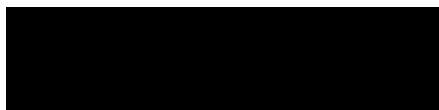
Under section 26(10) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 the Department caused a public local inquiry to be held by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) for the purpose of considering representations made to the applications detailed above. Following the closure of the Public Local Inquiry, the Commission will prepare and forward a report, with recommendations, to the Department.

The Department for Infrastructure, having regard to the Commission's report and recommendations, as required by section 26(12) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 will determine the planning applications, which can either be approved (with conditions) or refused. The decision of the Department on an application for planning permission made to it shall be final.

We welcome any queries, and we would be happy to provide any further information to the extent relevant. Please direct any correspondence to the following addresses:

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Thank you for the email below and attached letter.

For information, our Department is in the process of reviewing the documentation associated with the Dalradian Gold Mine application accessible through various links provided in the letter received on 30 January. Once we identify the document which outlines what the potential transboundary environmental impacts are for Ireland, we will consult with relevant Government Departments here to determine if a transboundary EIA consultation is required.

Assuming that a transboundary EIA consultation is required, our next step will be to get in touch with DfI to agree an appropriate consultation period.

Kind regards,

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Please see attached from Alistair Beggs - Chief Planner and Director of **Regional Planning Policy and Casework** Directorate, Department for Infrastructure, for your attention.

Kind regards.



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Ms [REDACTED],

I am emailing from the Climate and Environmental Planning Policy unit in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. We have recently received notification from your colleagues (see attached letter to Ms [REDACTED]) in the Department for Infrastructure regarding the Dalradian Gold Mine Project Transboundary Consultation and are presently reviewing the associated documentation. I was hoping that someone in the DFI would be able to assist us with a query.

Specifically I was wondering if there is a singular Transboundary Screening or Scoping Document such as the ones we receive in consultations with the English and Welsh Planning Inspectorate. I have attached an example of one such document.

Would you be in a position to assist or otherwise forward my query to one of your colleagues? Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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<b>Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)</b>	
<b>Project name:</b>	Proposed Morgan Offshore Wind Project
<b>Address/Location:</b>	Development of an offshore wind farm with an approximate capacity of 1500MW in the Irish Sea approximately 22.3km from the Isle of Man and 36.3km from the northwest coast of England, awarded as part of the Round 4 Offshore Wind Licensing Arrangements
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN010136
<b>Date(s) screening undertaken:</b>	First screening – 10 October 2022 following the Applicant’s request for a scoping opinion. Second screening - 3 July 2024 following acceptance of a Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

<b>FIRST TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING</b>	
<b>Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:</b>	Morgan Offshore Wind Project Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (‘the Scoping Report’) June 2022
<b>Screening Criteria:</b>	<b>The Inspectorate’s Comments:</b>
<b>Characteristics of the Development</b>	<p>The Proposed Development is for a 1.5GW offshore wind farm and associated transmission infrastructure extending over 322.2km<sup>2</sup>. The key components would be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• up to 107 wind turbines;</li> <li>• up to four offshore substation platforms;</li> <li>• up to 500km of inter-array cables;</li> <li>• up to 60km of interconnector cables (between offshore substation platforms);</li> </ul> <p>The types of foundations for the offshore structures are yet to be determined but potential options include monopile, pin-pile jacket or suction bucket jacket foundations. Scour protection would be required at the foundations, the form of which is yet to be determined but potential options include rock, concrete mattresses or artificial fronds.</p> <p>The offshore export cables would be installed by methods such as ploughing, trenching or jetting. They would be buried wherever possible and protected with cable protection where burial is not achievable.</p>

	<p>The onshore components are anticipated to be submitted and assessed in a separate application.</p>
<p><b>Location of Development (including existing use) and Geographical area</b></p>	<p>The Proposed Development is located in the east Irish Sea, approximately 22.3km from the Isle of Man and 36.3km from the northwest coast of England. There are a number of offshore wind farms proposed and existing in the local vicinity of the site as depicted in Scoping Report Figure 5.9. Table 1.1 of Annex A of the Scoping Report states that the nearest EEA state is Ireland, located 77km from the site.</p> <p>Existing uses within the area include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• commercial fisheries;</li> <li>• shipping and navigation; and</li> <li>• recreational and other sea uses.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environmental Importance</b></p>	<p>The biological environment within and near the Proposed Development site includes:</p> <p><i>Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology (Scoping Report Table 4.4)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West of Copland Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) – 7.3km east of the red line boundary;</li> <li>• West of Walney MCZ – 7.6km east of the red line boundary;</li> <li>• Annex I rocky reefs, cobble reefs, <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> reefs, subtidal sands and gravels and <i>Modiolus</i> reef;</li> <li>• Sea pen and burrowing megafauna communities; and</li> <li>• Detail on the benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology is detailed in Section 4.1.4 of the Scoping Report.</li> </ul> <p><i>Fish and Shellfish</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoping Report Table 4.9 provides a summary of designated sites with relevant fish and shellfish receptors and their distance from the red line boundary;</li> <li>• Scoping Report Table 4.10 includes a list of relevant protected fish and shellfish species within the ecological study area;</li> <li>• The fish assemblage within the Morgan ecology study area includes European plaice, dab, solenette, Dover sole, whiting, lesser spotted dogfish and cod;</li> <li>• The two elasmobranch species which have been recorded in the ecology study area are thornback ray and blonde ray;</li> <li>• European seabass have been recorded in Liverpool Bay to the east of the site;</li> <li>• Shellfish present include king and queen scallop, lobster and common whelk;</li> <li>• Basking shark are known to migrate through the Irish Sea;</li> <li>• Table 4.8 lists the species that spawn and have nurseries within the ecological study area for the Morgan site;</li> <li>• Migratory and spawning fish which may be present in the study area include sea trout, European eel, river lamprey, Atlantic salmon, Twaite shad and allis shad.</li> </ul> <p><i>Marine Mammals</i></p>

- Scoping Report Table 4.14 lists the designated sites with relevant marine mammals receptors within the Morgan regional marine mammal study area including the following European sites: Lambay Island SAC, North Anglesey marine SAC, North Channel SAC, Strangford Lough SAC, Murlough SAC, Pen Llyn a'r Sarnau /Llyn Peninsula and the Sarnau SAC, West Wales Marine SAC, Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC, Slaney River Valley SAC and Pembrokeshire Marine SAC; and
- Scoping Report Table 4.15 lists the marine mammal species with potential to occur within the marine mammal study area including bottlenose dolphin, harbour porpoise, grey seal, harbour seal, minke whale, short beaked common dolphin and Risso's dolphin.

#### *Offshore Ornithology*

- No designated sites are located within the Morgan scoping boundary;
- Bird species recorded in the Morgan offshore ornithology study area include (but not limited to): guillemot, razorbill, kittiwake, Manx shearwater and northern gannet. Herring gull, fulmar, 'commic tern' (undetermined common tern or arctic tern) and other gull species were recorded regularly but in lower numbers; and
- The Scoping Report identifies the potential for connectivity between the offshore area and European sites with ornithological qualifying features. It confirms that the relevant sites will be identified in the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report (yet to be produced).

#### *Commercial Fisheries*

- The area supports a number of commercial fish and shellfish species. The UK, Republic of Ireland and Belgium undertake commercial fishing activity within the Morgan scoping boundary.

#### *Shipping and Navigation*

- Liverpool to Douglas, Liverpool to Belfast, Heysham to Douglas, and Heysham to Warrenpoint ferry routes intersect the Morgan shipping and navigation study area with Heysham to Dublin immediately adjacent;
- Oil and gas facilities and their relative distance from the Morgan scoping boundary for shipping and navigation are provided in Scoping Report Table 5.5.

#### *Marine Archaeology*

- There are five recorded maritime wreck sites; three of these are post-medieval and there are also two modern wrecks considered 'less significant' attributed to coordinates within the Morgan marine archaeology study area; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One large aviation wreck is recorded in the Morgan marine archaeology study area.</li> </ul> <p>The Scoping Report also provides information on the receiving environment related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seascape and landscape visual character;</li> <li>• socio-economic matters beyond those relevant to the aspects above;</li> <li>• aviation and radar;</li> <li>• other sea users (e.g. infrastructure and recreation); and</li> <li>• onshore noise and vibration.</li> </ul> <p>The potential transboundary effects arising from these matters have been considered during the scoping process. The Inspectorate has taken into account the potential impacts, their extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency, reversibility, and the potential for cumulative effects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant transboundary effects are not considered likely for these matters and they are not discussed further in this screening.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Potential impacts and Carrier</b></p>	<p>The Scoping Report identifies the potential for adverse impacts on designated sites during the construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Proposed Development.</p> <p><i>Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonisation or removal of hard substrates.</li> <li>• Effects arising from changes to marine physical processes.</li> </ul> <p><i>Fish and Shellfish</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct impacts due to underwater noise from piling operations.</li> <li>• Loss of fish and shellfish habitat or disturbance to habitat due to increased suspended sediment concentrations (SSCs) and associated sediment deposition from the installation and decommissioning of foundations and cables.</li> <li>• Loss of or disturbance to fish spawning and nursery habitats in the Irish Sea.</li> </ul> <p><i>Marine Mammals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underwater noise generated from piling, unexploded ordinance (UXO) clearance and vessel activity;</li> <li>• Indirect impacts from changes in prey availability as a result of habitat loss, underwater noise, increased suspended sediment concentrations (SSCs) and associated sediment deposition and other impacts scoped in for fish and shellfish receptors.</li> <li>• The operation and maintenance phase is considered less likely to result in significant effects.</li> </ul> <p><i>Offshore Ornithology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct mortality through collision with turbines;</li> <li>• Disturbance and displacement during operation;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrier to movement between foraging and breeding sites and migration routes; and</li> <li>• Disturbance to prey (fish) species or prey availability due to change in physical processes and habitats as a result of the operational infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p><i>Commercial Fisheries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct loss of, or restricted access to, fishing grounds and potential displacement of fishing activity into other areas; and</li> <li>• Indirect effects from impacts to commercially important fish and shellfish resources (see above).</li> </ul> <p><i>Shipping and Navigation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deviation to commercial routes;</li> <li>• Increased vessel to vessel collision risk and increased allision risk;</li> <li>• Increased risk of anchor and gear snagging;</li> <li>• Reduction of under keel clearance;</li> <li>• Reduction of emergency response capability; and</li> <li>• Interference with marine navigation, communications and position fixing equipment.</li> </ul> <p><i>Marine Archaeology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sediment disturbance and deposition leading to indirect impacts;</li> <li>• Direct damage to archaeological receptors; and</li> <li>• Alteration of sediment transport regimes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Extent</b></p>	<p><i>Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology</i></p> <p>The extent of any predicted impacts upon benthic subtidal and intertidal ecological receptors is likely to be limited to the footprint of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project generation assets for temporary and long-term habitat loss and colonisation or removal of hard substrates. Changes in suspended sediment concentrations and associated deposition and changes in physical processes are anticipated to be limited to within one tidal excursion of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project generation assets. It is concluded that there is no pathway for transboundary impacts on this receptor group and they are not considered further in this document.</p> <p><i>Fish and Shellfish</i></p> <p>Annex II migratory fish species listed as features of European sites in other states and species of commercial fishing importance to EEA states are likely to be affected.</p> <p><i>Marine Mammals</i></p>

	<p>Due to the mobile nature of marine mammals and the proximity of the development to the Republic of Ireland, transboundary effects are considered likely.</p> <p><i>Offshore Ornithology</i></p> <p>Due to the wide foraging and migratory ranges of bird species in the Irish sea, and the recorded presence of species listed as qualifying features of designated sites belonging to EEA states, transboundary effects from the Proposed Development are considered likely.</p> <p><i>Commercial Fisheries</i></p> <p>There is the potential for transboundary impacts upon commercial fisheries due to the highly mobile nature of both commercial fish species and fishing fleets, with impacts anticipated on fleets from Belgium and the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p><i>Shipping and Navigation</i></p> <p>While the full extent has yet to be determined and will be subject to further assessment, it is considered that ferry routes to/from Ireland could be impacted by the Proposed Development leading to transboundary effects.</p> <p><i>Marine Archaeology</i></p> <p>The extent of the impacts is anticipated to be restricted to the red line boundary of the Proposed Development. The Scoping Report concludes that there is no pathway for transboundary effects on this receptor group. The Inspectorate has considered the potential impacts and their likely extent and has concluded that significant effects are unlikely. Marine archaeology is therefore not considered further in this document.</p>
<p><b>Magnitude</b></p>	<p>The magnitude of impacts have not been evaluated in detail at this stage and will be subject to further assessment.</p> <p>However, the Scoping Report has identified the potential for transboundary impacts on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish and shellfish ecology;</li> <li>• Marine mammals;</li> <li>• Ornithology;</li> <li>• Commercial fisheries;</li> <li>• Shipping and navigation; and</li> <li>• Other marine users.</li> </ul> <p>These will be assessed further throughout the EIA and mitigation strategies will be considered which may reduce the magnitude of impact or demonstrate that there are no relevant impact pathways for significant effects on the relevant aspects of the environment in EEA states.</p>

<p><b>Probability</b></p>	<p>The probability of potential transboundary effects occurring has not been fully evaluated at this stage. However, the Transboundary Screening Report, HRA Screening Report and the Scoping Report note the high probability of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• underwater noise affecting fish and marine mammals during construction;</li> <li>• disturbance, displacement, and collision risk affecting seabirds during operation; and</li> <li>• impacts on commercial fisheries and shipping and navigation during operation due to the presence of infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>The Inspectorate considers that, given the information provided in the Scoping Report, HRA Screening Report and Transboundary Screening Report impacts on fish and shellfish, marine mammals, offshore ornithology, commercial fisheries and shipping and navigation are most likely to result in significant transboundary effects.</p>
<p><b>Duration</b></p>	<p>The Proposed Development is likely to result in transboundary effects which will be temporary, both short- and long-term. The Applicant states that the EIA will consider the duration and frequency of transboundary effects in more detail during the EIA process.</p>
<p><b>Frequency</b></p>	<p>The frequency of potential transboundary effects has not been fully evaluated at this stage. However, impacts on offshore ornithology during operation and maintenance phase are considered likely to be continuous with variation in relation to seasonal patterns such as migration.</p>
<p><b>Reversibility</b></p>	<p>The reversibility of potential transboundary effects has not been fully evaluated at this stage, however, the Scoping Report, Annex A, states that all potential transboundary impacts are reversible since the infrastructure of the Proposed Development will be removed on decommissioning.</p>
<p><b>Cumulative impacts</b></p>	<p>Section 4.8 of the Scoping Report explains how cumulative effects will be assessed in the ES; stating the assessment will be in line with the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note Seventeen and will include other major developments in the area including those which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• under construction;</li> <li>• permitted application(s), but not yet implemented;</li> <li>• submitted application(s) not yet determined;</li> <li>• projects on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal’s Programme of Projects;</li> <li>• projects identified in relevant development plans; and</li> <li>• projects identified in other plans and programmes as may be relevant.</li> </ul> <p>These will be identified through consultation with local authorities and other consenting bodies.</p> <p>The cumulative impact assessment has not yet been undertaken so the Applicant has not identified any likely significant transboundary cumulative effects at this stage. On a precautionary basis, the Inspectorate considers that the effects identified in this screening</p>

could contribute to cumulative effects, subject to the outcomes of further assessment.

### **Transboundary screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS**

Under Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is of the view that the Proposed Development **is likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in an EEA State.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts), and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

#### **Action:**

Transboundary issues notification under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations is required.

States to be notified:

- Republic of Ireland (marine mammals; shipping and navigation; and commercial fishing);
- Belgium (commercial fishing)

**Date:** 10 October 2022

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

## **SECOND TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

### **Document(s) used for transboundary Screening:**

Environmental Statement (ES) (April 2024) (Volume 1 - Docs F1.1 to F1.5; Volume 2 – Docs F2.1 to F2.15; Volume 3 – Docs F3.3.1 to F3.5.2; and Volume 4 – Docs F4.1.1 to F4.14.1); and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report (April 2024) (Docs E1.1; E1.2; E1.3; E1.4 and E1.5).

### **Date screening undertaken:**

Re-screened on 3 July 2024 following acceptance of a DCO application.

### **Transboundary re-screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS**

Following submission of the DCO application, the Inspectorate has reconsidered the transboundary screening decision made on 10 October 2022.

The Inspectorate has identified the following matters that differ from those considered at the time of the previous transboundary screening decision:

- changes in the description of the Proposed Development;
- provision of HRA information; and
- provision of the Transboundary Impacts Screening and transboundary assessments within relevant chapters of the ES.

### **Changes in the description of the Proposed Development**

ES Volume 1, Chapters 3 and 4 describe the following key changes:



- the array area has reduced from 322km<sup>2</sup> to 280km<sup>2</sup>;
- the maximum number of wind turbines has reduced from 107 to 96;
- the maximum rotor diameter for the larger wind turbine option has increased from 280m to 320m, whilst maximum tip height has increased from 324m to 364m over Lowest Astronomical Tide; and
- The maximum amount of inter-array cables has reduced from 500km, to 390km.

### **Provision of HRA information**

The HRA Screening Report (Doc E1.4) concludes that likely significant effects (LSE) could not be excluded for harbour porpoise and grey seal features of 17 Sites of Community Importance (SCIs) in France and four Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) in the Republic of Ireland. This is as a result of potential noise disturbance (from piling, clearance of unexploded ordnance, pre-construction site investigation surveys, vessels and other vessel activities, and in-combination effects). The HRA Information to Support an Appropriate Assessment (ISAA) (E1.2) concludes that that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the qualifying features of these European sites, alone or in-combination.

The HRA Screening Report (Doc E1.4) also concludes that LSE could not be excluded for offshore ornithological features of six Special Protection Areas (SPAs) located in the Republic of Ireland. This is as a result of potential disturbance, displacement, collision effects and in-combination effects. The HRA ISAA (E1.3) concludes that that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the qualifying features of these European sites, alone or in-combination.

### **Provision of the Transboundary Impacts Screening and transboundary assessments within relevant chapters of the ES**

The Transboundary Impacts Screening confirms that transboundary impacts in respect of the following matters were screened into the EIA process:

- fish and shellfish ecology;
- marine mammals;
- offshore ornithology;
- commercial fisheries;
- shipping and navigation; and
- climate change.

No significant transboundary effects were explicitly identified within the ES. This includes in respect of the potential significant transboundary effects on commercial fishing fleets from Belgium and the Republic of Ireland, which were identified in the first transboundary screening.

In respect of shipping and navigation, ES Volume 2, Chapter 7 concludes that there would be significant effects from the project alone and cumulatively with other projects and plans. This includes significant cumulative effects on commercial operations including strategic routes and lifeline ferries. The ES identifies ferries transiting between the Republic of Ireland and England. It concludes that "*no additional*" potential transboundary impacts have been identified.

### **Secretary of State's Comments**

Under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is now of the view that the Proposed Development **is not likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in Belgium. It considers that the Proposed Development **is likely** to have a significant effect on the environment in the Republic of Ireland due to potential impacts on shipping and navigation.

No new EEA States have been identified as being likely to have significant effects on their environment.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts); and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

**Action:**

The Republic of Ireland requested to be involved in the transboundary consultation procedure when previously notified. Belgium did not respond.

Transboundary issues consultation under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations is required. State to be consulted:

- Republic of Ireland (shipping and navigation).

No further action is required in respect of Belgium.

**Date:** 3 July 2024

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>



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**Re: Dalradian Gold Mine Project Transboundary Consultation**

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30 January 2025, regarding the proposed Dalradian Gold Mine Project.

I note from the letter that you have advised that the invitation to participate in transboundary EIA consultation concerns three applications related to the Mine Applications and Power Line Applications. In that regard, I would be grateful if you could confirm if I have the correct details set out below :

- 1 Mine Application reference LA10/2017/1249/F
- 2 Power Line applications with the following references LA10/2019/1386/F and LA11/2019/1000/F

Your letter also advises that DfI is in the process of uploading documentation relevant to these applications (which will be available at this link [www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project](http://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/dalradian-curraghinalt-project) ), including for example, environmental statements and a Habitats Regulation Assessment. I must advise that we will not be in a position to confirm whether or not Ireland wishes to participate in transboundary EIA consultation until all relevant documentation is available.

For information, once the documentation is available, my Department will be required to consult with subject matter experts before making a final determination on the proposed transboundary consultation. For example, consultation with the NPWS will be required in



relation to potential impacts on protected species or sites and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in relation to potential impacts on water quality.

Once the relevant documentation required to enable us to make a determination on the potential transboundary environmental impact is available, I would request that you send notification to [transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie](mailto:transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie).

On receipt of this notification, I will ensure that relevant State bodies are consulted expeditiously with a view to confirming whether or not a transboundary EIA consultation is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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Further to your recent correspondence, please see below a table providing some direction within the documents to the information on the nature of the transboundary impact. There may be other references, related content or synergies and this list is therefore not exhaustive.

We have also arranged and you should have already received a file sharing link. Although all of the documents have already been provided in the notification, the specific documents referred to in the table below will be sent separately for ease of location and access.

I trust this is sufficient to inform your enquiries and consider consultation.

Many thanks

### **Document Guide**

#### **Mine Application**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment 2019	Refers to River Finn and Lough Foyle SPA States that the potential for potential transboundary impact upon sites in the Republic of Ireland is also considered – concludes that project will have no transboundary impacts; provided the mitigation strategies proposed are fully implemented
Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment 2017	River Finn reference
NIEA Consultation Response 2018 (page 22 refers to consultation with ROI)	Page 22 - There is also a hydrological connection to the River Finn SAC in the Republic of Ireland - advised that consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service is initiated
Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment 2019	River Finn reference
Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment 2020	River Finn reference

Letter from Fermanagh Omagh Council 26 04 24	Refers to need for Transboundary Consultation
Dalradian statement-of-case for Public Local Inquiry	Refers to River Finn
Dalradian statement-of-case for Public Local Inquiry – Ecology	Refers to River Finn
Dalradian SoC Foyle Area and Tributaries Catchment Status Report 2018	Refers to River Finn
Donegal County Council correspondence to Dfl (22.11.24)	Refers to hydrological links to River Finn
Fermanagh and Omagh Council - Ecology Statement of Case for Public Local Inquiry	Refers to Transboundary impacts
Dalradian rebuttal to Fermanagh and Omagh Council	Reference to River Finn
Donegal County Council Transboundary Consultation response Jan 2025	Transboundary consultation response – includes responses received by Donegal County Council which raise transboundary concerns

#### **Powerlines applications**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Powerlines EIA Determination	Department for Infrastructure’s EIA determination – transboundary impacts considered
Documents with titles beginning “nie-curraghinalt-eia-vol1...”	Chapters from the ES – consider transboundary impacts
Documents with titles beginning “rps-soc ...”	Applicants Statement of Case and appendices for Public Local Inquiry - consider transboundary impacts
Shared Environmental Services Consultation Response	Refers to River Finn – draft appropriate assessment includes assessment of impact on Finn
Shared Environmental Services (SES) Consultation Response - Draft HRA	Refers to impact of River Finn
Powerlines - SES consultation with NPWS	Request for NPWS representations

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20 February 2025

**RE: Dalradian Gold Mine Project Transboundary Consultation**

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your letter of 30 January 2025 giving formal notification that the above proposed development has been accepted for examination. I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that Ireland accepts your invitation to participate in the transboundary EIA consultation and will hold a public consultation in this regard.

Under Irish planning regulations, which transpose our obligations under the Espoo Convention, one or more local authorities are required to carry out transboundary public consultations in respect of individual proposed projects. The Department has nominated Donegal County Council to facilitate this public consultation, however, all other planning authorities will advertise it on their respective websites also.

I can confirm that the public consultation period will be from Wednesday 26 February 2025 to Wednesday 7 May 2025.

Section 132(6)(g) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2024 states that any submissions for transboundary EIA public consultations in Ireland are to be made directly to



the competent authority in the transboundary state. I would be grateful if you could clarify the email contact for any such public submissions.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter please contact me at [transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie](mailto:transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie) or on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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As indicated in our recent letter to Mr Alistair Beggs, the Department is in the process of setting up a public consultation due to commence on Wednesday 26 February. However, we need two pieces of information urgently from DfI that need to be included, as follows:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The email address that DfI would like submissions to be sent to

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->The nature of the decision which may be taken. This is a requirement of your 2015 EIA Regulations at regulation 27(2)(b) found [here](#). Apologies if this information is contained in the notice dated 30 January but I cannot see it. This is important as our regulations governing transboundary EIA public consultations require that this information is included in the newspaper notice advertising the consultation. It may be as simple as the decision will be to grant with or without conditions, or , refuse. We just need clarification of that.

It would be great to receive a response today providing the information requested above but by COB on Monday 24 February at the latest. If the information is provided later than that, the start of the public consultation will likely be delayed.

Kind regards,

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Dear [REDACTED],

1. The email address to use is [planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)
2. The Department sent a follow up letter on 6<sup>th</sup> February detailing the information on the nature of the decision which may be taken – I have attached a copy.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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