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**Re: Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference MUL250011, BioAtlantis Ltd**

A Chara,

Following your letter dated 05-12-2025, Cork County Council, in its capacity as a Coastal Local Authority and a Port Authority for part of the proposed licensed area, wishes to exercise its right to make a submission with regards to BioAtlantis Ltd's application for the harvesting of *Ascophyllum nodosum* in the intertidal shoreline in Kenmare Bay.

Conditions for inclusion in licence (if granted):

**– General:**

- Confirmation letter from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine that the proposed activity is not subject to Aquaculture (Licence Application) Regulations, 1998, as amended (S.I. No. 236/1998), or to any other Foreshore Regulation or commercial sea-fishing boat licensing regulation.
- Confirmation letter from the Sea-Fishery Protection Authority that the proposed activity is compliant with sea-fishing regulation.
- The Licensee shall conduct their operations in a safe manner and with regard for other persons in the area and the environment and shall ensure that the operations are not injurious to adjacent lands or the public interest (including the environment) and do not interfere with navigation or other lawful activity in the vicinity of the licensed area, and shall comply with any lawful directions issued by the Minister and any other competent State authority in that regard.
- The licensee shall take all practicable measures to minimise the visual impairment of amenities, arising from the operation of the activity.
- The Licensee shall ensure that traditional harvesting rights and other traditional activities (whether subject to appurtenant and profit- à prendre rights or not) taking place in the licensed area are fully respected.

**– Waste Management:**

- An Operational Waste Management Plan shall be agreed with Cork County Council to inter alia provide details of the prevention, holding, transfer, disposal and/or recovery of all wastes (including unplanned mortalities, maintenance materials, chemical/hydrocarbon containers) arising from the operation of the proposed activity. Empty containers shall not be rinsed out on site but removed to an authorized facility for disposal. Appropriately authorized contractors only shall be used.
- The Operator shall ensure that the licensed areas, and any area used for service, maintenance, harvesting or onshore storage of plant and/or equipment, shall be kept clear of all materials (barrels, ropes, rafts, waste products), and shall make adequate provision for the prompt removal and disposal of all wastes and refuse from those areas.
- The licensee shall take all practicable measures to minimise the visual impairment of amenities from storage of process or waste, plant, equipment, or material, and to prevent litter arising from the licensed activities.

**– Water Pollution:**

- In the event of any incident which may give rise to water pollution and/or risk to public health, the applicant shall immediately report the incident to Cork County Council at [environ@corkcoco.ie](mailto:environ@corkcoco.ie) as soon as is practicable, and no later than 24 hours after the incident.
- In the event of an oil and hazardous substance spill, the applicant shall immediately report the incident to the Irish Coast Guard.
- No substances listed in Table 11 or 12 of Schedule 6 of the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 272 of 2009) shall be discharged. All chemicals used in the licensed area shall be used in accordance with instructions issued by the Licensing Authority. The licence shall keep records of all chemicals including quantities and times of use.

**– Shoreside Port Operations:**

In consideration of Cork County Council permitting the user access or usage of property, lands, harbour areas, port facilities owned by or under the responsibility of the Cork County Council (this includes facilities described as “public” in the application document), the Operator shall submit a port facility operation plan to Cork County Council. The plan should inter alia provide for:

- Name and location map of the port facility (pier, slipway, steps) to be used for primary access (normal operations).
- Name and location map of the port facility (pier, slipway, steps) to be used in the event of the primary access facility not being available.
- Information on the type of vessel(s) to be used (registration number, LOA, max draft, GT) at the selected port facilities

- Confirmation that all vessels used are appropriately licensed by the relevant authorities
- Name and location map of the lay-by berth/ port facility to be used by the above vessel(s)
- Maximum number of crew/ workers using the selected port facilities and frequency of usage.
- Production landing methods and frequencies at the selected port facilities.
- Location of car parking for crew/ workers in the vicinity of the selected port facilities
- Proposed requirements for temporary storage of equipment or machinery at the selected port facility.
- Risk assessment and method statement for the proposed activities
- Waste management plan (compliant with the provisions of S.I. 351/2022, part 3 and Marpol Annex V)
- A reporting procedure for damaged caused to port infrastructure, including access roads and Aids to Navigation (AtoNs)
- A reporting procedure of Marine incidents or accidents
- Insurance details, including: policy wording, cover period, Public/Products Liability insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €6.5 million, Employers' Liability indemnity limit of not less than €13m and a specific notation of indemnity to Cork County Council.
- Confirmation that the applicant understands that all vessels may be subject to harbour dues and port fees, including fish landing charges, cargo dues and waste charges as appropriate.
- 24/7 contact details.

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