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Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Re: Bremore Port
Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL240011

Dear Ms. Dunne,

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 26/07/2024.

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application:

- 1.0 Confirm the legal name of the applicant as the Application Form states it is Bremore Port/Bremore Ireland Port Designated Activity Company however the associated application documentation refers to Bremore Ireland Port Designated Activity Company. The name on the Application is the name which will be attached to any MUL granted.
- 2.0 With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), confirm whether you are required to obtain a derogation under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended. If yes, provide details of the application submitted to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), including the NPWS application reference number.
- 3.0 With regard to the scale of the MUL application area, provide full details on the necessity for each of the site investigation activities proposed outside of the 'proposed development area', and where feasible, review and revise the level of surveys required.
- 4.0 With regard to proposed programme of works given in Table 2.2 of the AIMU Report the following additional information is required:
 - confirmation of borehole depths as there are contradictions in the AIMU Report (i.e. pg24 (Max 40m) and pg33 (Range 15-80m)). Provide the diameter of the drill proposed and spacing between boreholes.
 - indicative operating frequency and SPLs for CPT and Vibrocore equipment as well as the proposed depths to be reached and diameters of such equipment.

- confirmation as to whether trial pits are proposed, indicative trial pit locations, equipment, access, impacts and mitigation(s) if required.
- For inshore and intertidal surveys, where appropriate provide details of core samplers to be used (diameter/depth), the timeframe of assessments and proposed access to sites.
- details on the methods, impacts, indicative locations, durations and mitigations if required, of the proposed fish, shellfish and bird surveys as referenced in the SISSA Report (pgs 29 and 34)
- details on the indicative number and types of vessels to be used and their potential noise impacts.
- details on the operating frequency of ADCPs as well as the type of mooring mechanisms required for ADCPs, CPODs, WaveBuoys.

5.0 With reference to Table 3-1 on pg 27 of the SISSA report the introduction of invasive non-native species is listed as a potential indirect environmental impact of site investigations. Provide details on the potential impacts and mitigations where necessary.

6.0 Submit the GIS shape files, if available, for the indicative site surveys locations as detailed in Figure 2-2 and 2-3 of the AIMU report.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA by **05/01/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

Paula O' Toole
Maritime Usage Licensing Team
MARA