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18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Re: Consent for Offshore Surveys in the Dublin Bay Area**

Dear Sirs,

The Electricity Supply Board (hereinafter referred to as the 'ESB') of 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, D02 KT92 was constituted by the Electricity Supply Act 1927. ESB is the licensed Transmission System Owner for Ireland pursuant to Section 14 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999.

EirGrid plc is a public limited company established pursuant to Regulation 34 of the European Communities (Internal Market in Electricity) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No 445/2000) and is the licensed Transmission System Operator for Ireland pursuant to Section 14 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999. Pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(a) of S.I. No 445/2000, EirGrid plc has the exclusive function to operate and ensure the maintenance of and, if necessary, develop a safe, secure, reliable, economical and efficient electricity transmission system.

Pursuant to Regulation 18.1(a) of S.I. No. 445/2000, ESB and EirGrid are required to enter into an agreement for the purpose of enabling EirGrid as Transmission System Operator discharge its functions under S.I. No 445/2000. On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 ESB and EirGrid accordingly entered into this agreement, known as the Infrastructure Agreement.

Pursuant to clause 7.6 of the Infrastructure Agreement, all activities connected with seeking and obtaining planning permission/approval (if needed) and any other consents required by the Transmission System Operator to discharge its functions as such shall be the sole responsibility of the Transmission System Operator, i.e. EirGrid plc.

ESB is obliged under the legislation and the Infrastructure Agreement cited above to facilitate EirGrid's planning intentions in the furtherance of its functions as Transmission System Operator.

In order therefore not to impede the discharge by EirGrid of those functions, ESB being the legal owner of certain foreshore and seabed areas, hereby provides its formal consent for the inclusion of part of its maritime property (comprising part of folio DN265797F and hatched in purple within the redline boundary of the attached map, as well as certain unregistered lands which are hatched in orange within the redline boundary of the attached map) within the Maritime Usage

Licence (MUL) application with reference MUL240010 submitted by EirGrid plc, for the purposes of conducting marine survey works in connection with a proposed electricity infrastructure development.

We understand that the relevant proposed activities to be carried out by EirGrid plc may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Geophysical and geotechnical marine surveys;
- Environmental and metocean surveys;
- Deployment of temporary survey equipment;
- Associated access and investigative activities.

ESB acknowledges that a portion of the area covered by the MUL application submitted by EirGrid plc overlaps with property legally owned and controlled by ESB (folio DN265797F as well as certain unregistered lands).

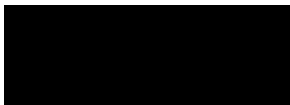
Accordingly, we confirm that:

1. We are the legal owner of the maritime area (folio DN265797F as well as certain unregistered lands) described in the MUL application, and
2. We consent to EirGrid plc's use of that part of the maritime area for the purposes of the said MUL application and the carrying out of the survey activities described above, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and any port operational requirements as may be agreed separately between the parties.

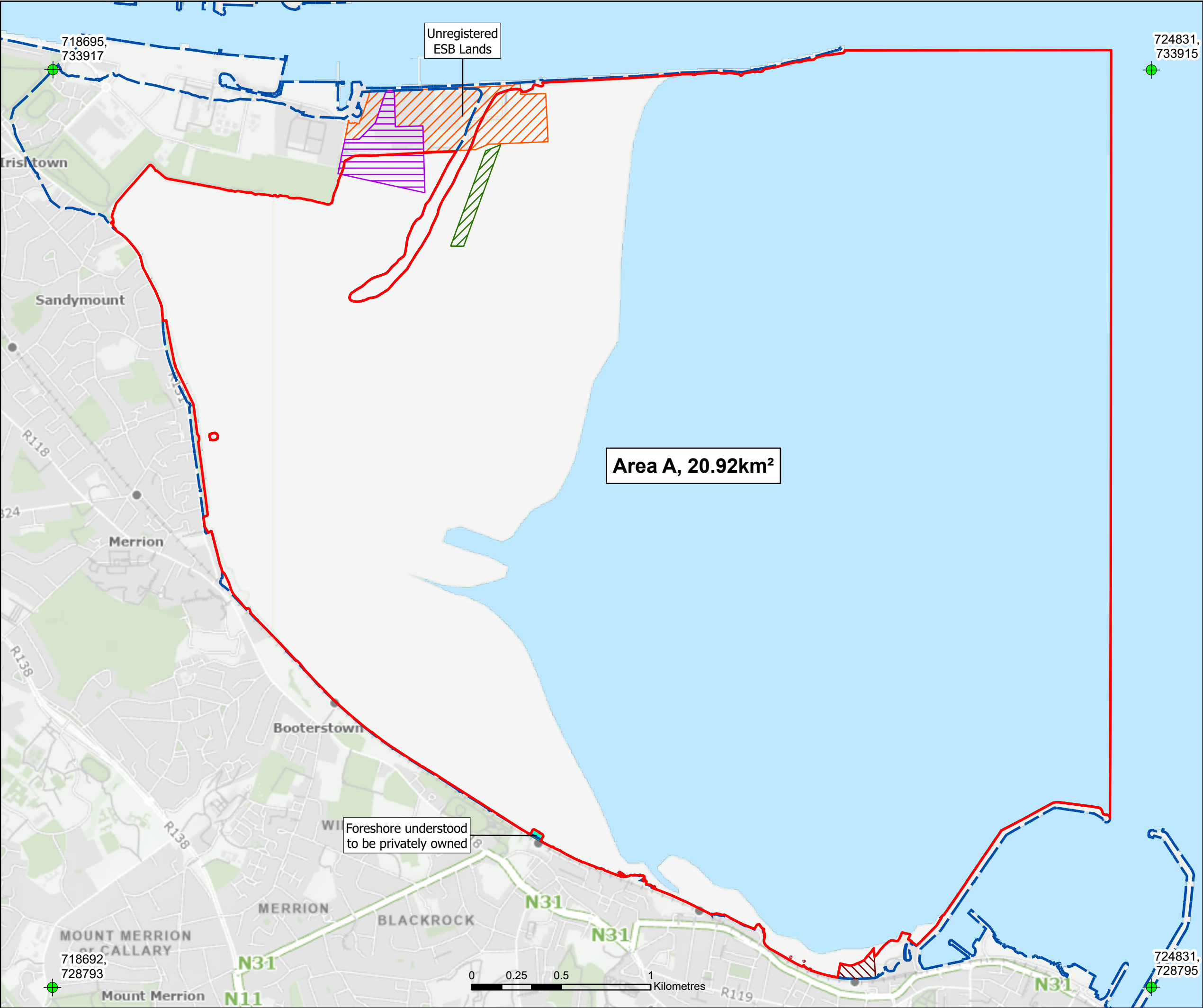
This letter is issued solely for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 as amended and associated regulations regarding the need for landowner consent in support of a MUL application.

In the interest of clarity, ESB must nonetheless draw to the attention of The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) that this consent does not relate to the merits or any aspect of the application by EirGrid as ESB may not have had sight of this application prior to the issue of this letter, and separate submissions in respect of issues may be made if requested by MARA or if necessary in ESB's view.

Yours Faithfully

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Marie Sinnott  
Company Secretary



# Legend

Maritime Usage Licence Area

Folio DN44335F

Folio DN265797F

ESB Lands

Folio DN173364L

Blackrock Baths

High Water Mark (HWM)

Where the licence area adjoins or abuts the land the High Water Mark as defined by the Chief Boundary Surveyor is the boundary of the licence area.

**MARA File Reference No:**  
MUL240010

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Proposed MUL Map

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