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Dear Mr McNiven,

The Harbours Act 1964

Screening Opinion – Proposed Port of Barrow Harbour Revision Order.

Thank you for your letter dated 3 May 2017 to the Marine Management Organisation (“the MMO”) in which you gave notice under paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Harbours Act 1964 (“the Act”) in relation to proposed works at Port of Barrow, Cumbria.

Background

The Act provides that the MMO must determine whether the proposed works relate to a project that falls within Annex I or Annex II of the European Directive 2011/92/EU and, for the purposes of a project appearing to fall within Annex II, whether that project is a relevant project and will require an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) under the Act.

MMO Screening Opinion

On review of the information you supplied, the MMO is of the opinion that the works proposed would require an EIA; the proposed project being one which falls within Annex II, specifically Annex II 10(e):

10(e) Construction of roads, harbours and port installations, including fishing harbours (projects not included in Annex I).

In order to determine if an EIA is required for an Annex II project, the MMO must conclude that the project in question is likely, because of its size, nature or location, to have a significant effect on the environment.



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In particular, the MMO is of the opinion that an EIA is required due to the following reasons:

- The presence of European designated marine protected areas, as well as sites proposed for designation, alongside the duration, frequency and irreversibility of the impact;
- The production of waste during the construction and operational phases of the project;
- The release of noise/vibration pollution from piling activities associated with the works;
- The potential for cumulative impacts with other development projects.

It is therefore the opinion of the MMO that the proposed activity as described will have significant effects on the environment and is thereby **screened into** requiring an EIA under the Act. Regard to the above points must be given when producing the subsequent Environmental Statement.

If you have any questions or require clarification of any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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