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February 21, 2019

Dear Louise,

Please find enclosed an application for approval to conduct a seabed debris clearance, environmental baseline and habitat assessment site survey on SEL 1/11. We enclose for that purpose the following documentation:

- 1 Pre-Survey Fisheries Assessment Report
- 2 Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report
- 3 Appropriate Assessment Screening and Natura Impact Statement Report

In light of the terms of the Order made by the High Court on 30 January 2019, in High Court Proceedings Record No. 2018/943J.R., in relation to the permission previously granted on 9 October 2018, it is noted that the enclosed application will be considered, and the necessary environmental assessments will be conducted, de novo by the Minister. Please confirm the Department's requirements in relation to the publication of any notices or the making available of any documents to prescribed bodies or other parties.

We look forward to receiving the Minister's decision in due course which, we anticipate, will be made in accordance with the requirements of natural and constitutional justice in respect of all participants in the application process.

Yours faithfully,

John O'Sullivan

Technical Director

For and on behalf of Exola DAC