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Tidal Lagoon Cardiff Ltd**PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED)**
**REGULATION 24 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS
2009 (AS AMENDED)**
**NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT
LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE
ENVIRONMENT IN ANOTHER EEA STATE**
PROPOSED TIDAL LAGOON CARDIFF

Tidal Lagoon Cardiff Ltd has formally notified the Secretary of State, of its intention to submit an Environmental Statement with an application for an order granting development consent for the Tidal Lagoon Cardiff.

The application comprises the construction and operation of a tidal energy lagoon near Cardiff and Newport, South Wales, which would generate renewable energy in the form of electricity using the large tidal range (the difference between high and low water) of the Severn Estuary. The Lagoon would enclose part of the Severn Estuary adjacent to the Gwent Levels through the construction of a breakwater, which would be approximately 25km in length and impound approximately 70km² of the seabed and foreshore. Two to three turbine and/or sluice gate housing structures would be located in the breakwater, which would contain 60-90 turbines and 20-30 sluice gates. The electricity generated by the project would be exported to the National Electricity Transmission System.

Information about the proposed development and about its likely significant effects is available in the applicant's scoping report and transboundary impacts screening report, and in the Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion, which are all available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/tidal-lagoon-cardiff/?ipcsection=docs>

and in hard copy at the following location:

The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Based on the current information provided by the applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in the Republic of Ireland. In accordance with Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA State about the proposed development and its likely significant effects, and this State has been asked to indicate by 29 February 2016 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) and Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (EIA Regulations). This Regulation transposes Article 7 of EU Directive 85/337/EC as amended into the legislation of England, Wales and Scotland.

The proposed development is currently at the pre-application stage of the process. The applicant has not yet submitted an application to the Secretary of State. If the application is accepted for examination, the application will be examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination must be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in which the Secretary of State will notify and consult EEA States in accordance with Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the proposed development.

Date: 15 January 2016

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government