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**Re: Proposed Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (the Proposed Development)**

Dear Ms. Deery,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 November 2021, with notification of the EIA procedure taking place concerning the Proposed Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (the Proposed Development) in the North Sea.

On foot of the information provided in the second transboundary screening dated 25 November 2021, specifically the potential transboundary environmental impacts in Ireland related to marine mammals and commercial fisheries, consultation took place with relevant policy experts. The advice received in this regard, is that Ireland has no fishing activities in the area affected by this phase of the development and our Marine Mammal Ecologist does not believe consultation is necessary at this time due to the



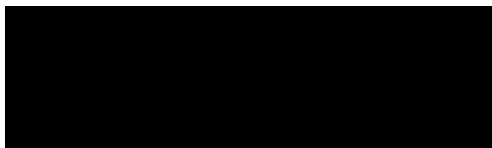
location of the project and lack of relevant linkage of marine mammal populations between the development site and Ireland.

Therefore, I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that Ireland does not wish to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure, during this phase of the development.

Should further screening statements be produced that identify additional transboundary impacts on Ireland, or indeed, bring to light further relevant information in relation to potential impacts on marine mammals or commercial fisheries, we would like to be kept informed of these developments.

I want to thank you for the invitation to participate and hope that you can keep us informed of any future transboundary EIA procedures.

Yours sincerely,



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