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By email only to: xlinks@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Re: Proposed Application by Xlinks 1 Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project (the Proposed Development)

Dear Ms Lancaster,

I refer to your letter dated 12 August 2024, giving formal notification in relation to the abovementioned project, which is at pre-application stage in the UK's development consent procedure.

I note in the transboundary screening statement prepared on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate is of the view that the proposed development is likely to have significant effect on the environment in Ireland.

I wish to confirm, on behalf of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that Ireland accepts your invitation to participate in the transboundary EIA consultation procedure in relation to the proposed development.

Noting that the application is at the pre-application stage, we await further notification of when the transboundary EIA procedure officially begins. Please ensure that any communication in this regard also issue to transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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