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Mr. Peter Hynes,
County Manager,
Mayo County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
The Mall,
Castlebar,
Co. Mayo.

30th June 2013

Reference: Proposed Oweninny Windfarm Project – Strategic Infrastructure Application to An Bord Pleanála

Dear Mr. Hynes,

Oweninny Power Limited (a joint venture company between ESB and Bord na Mona) gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a windfarm in County Mayo in the townlands of **Bellacorick, Corvoderry, Croaghaun West, Doobehy, Dooleeg More, Formoyle, Kilsallagh, Knockmoyle, Laghtanvack, Moneynierin, Shanvodinnaun, Shanvolahan, Sheskin, Srahnakilly and Tawnaghmore, County Mayo. (Bellacorick area is approx. 30 km west of Ballina).**

The application is comprised of two volumes:

- (1) Volume 1 Planning**
- (2) Volume 2 Environmental**

The proposed development will consist of the following;

- i) Construction of a wind farm comprising 112 wind turbines with a maximum electricity generating capacity of approximately 370 Megawatts (MW). The wind turbines will have a hub height of up to 120 metres and a rotor diameter of up to 120 metres. The overall height of the structures (i.e. tip height) will be up to 176 metres.
- ii) 8 No. permanent Meteorological masts up to 120 metres in height.
- iii) Electrical requirements associated with the wind farm including: 4 No. 110 kV electrical substations each of which will include 2 No. control buildings; 2 No. 110 kV overhead lines (approx. 2.4 km and 1.7 km respectively) and 4 No. 110 kV underground cables all required for connecting the substations to the national electricity grid; and underground cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substations.

ESB International is a trading name of ESBI Engineering & Facility Management Limited.

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- iv) A visitor centre associated with the wind farm with ancillary parking for buses and cars; an operation and maintenance building.
- v) Reuse of 3 No. existing site entrances off the N59, signage at the main wind farm entrance and on the public road adjacent to the main entrance.
- vi) Additional associated and ancillary developments include: hardstandings; an upgrade of the bridge traversing the Oweninny River; approximately 85 km of access tracks within the wind farm site; replacement of culverts within the site and drainage control systems comprising settlement ponds, access track drains and finger drains; and sewage treatment systems.
- vii) Temporary developments/works associated with the construction phase include: contractor compounds; 1 No. concrete batching plant; 1 No. borrow pit; 1 No. peat repository area; and material stockpile areas.
- viii) A 15 year permission and a 30 year operational life from completion of entire wind farm is sought for the proposed development.

The development is proposed on a site that is currently the subject of an integrated pollution prevention control (IPPC) licence (Reg. No. P0505-01) as issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

This application represents a revision of the existing planning permission on the site, which was granted in December 2003, by An Bord Pleanála (ABP Reg. Ref. PL16.131260 MCC Reg. Ref. 01/2542).

Accordingly, five hard copies and three electronic copies of the planning application and associated documentation are provided herewith.

An Bord Pleanála require that the planning application should be made available to members of the public for inspection/purchase in accordance with the terms of the public notice during the public opening hours of Mayo County Council for a period of 7 weeks commencing on **11th July 2013**.

You are advised that the Board may in respect of the application for permission decide to:

- a)
 - (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified,
 - or
 - (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions,
- b) refuse to grant the permission.

Submissions or observations should be made to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to;

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned,
- (ii) the likely effects on the environment, if any, and
- (iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board no later than **5.30 pm on 29th August 2013.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Allen
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