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1. INTRODUCTION

Bord na Móna operates under IPC Licence issued and administered by the EPA to extract peat within the Blackwater bog group (Ref. P0502-01). As part of Condition 10.2 of this license, a rehabilitation plan must be prepared for permanent rehabilitation of the boglands within the licensed area.

This report – *Belmont Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021 – Addendum 1* – should be read in conjunction with – *Belmont Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021*.

This report – Belmont Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021 – Addendum 1 - outlines the findings of the Appropriate Assessment reporting carried out in respect of proposed PCAS activities at Belmont Bog.

2. APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT REPORTING FINDINGS

An Appropriate Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report ¹was commissioned by Bord na Móna to inform whether the proposed PCAS activities at Belmont Bog had the potential to result in Likely Significant Effects on European Sites. The concluding statement of this report reads as follows:

“The Screening Evaluation provided herein has examined the potential for any effects arising via source pathway linkages with regard to connectivity to designated European Sites within the zone of influence of all predicted Project impacts. An extended buffer zone of 15km was further considered, in line with NPWS guidance (DoEHLG, 2009), for evaluation of effects on any European Site which may arise associated with the proposed decommissioning and rehabilitation of Belmont Bog, as required. There are a total of 15 European Sites located within the 15km zone of consideration:

Table 10: European Sites Considered within an Extended Buffer

No.	European Site	Site code
1	River Shannon Callows SAC	000216
2	All Saints Bog And Esker SAC	000566
3	Pilgrim's Road Esker SAC	001776
4	Crosswood Bog SAC	002337
5	Redwood Bog SAC	002353
6	Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC	000919
7	Ferbane Bog SAC	000575
8	Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC	000576
9	Moyclare Bog SAC	000581
10	Mongan Bog SAC	000580
11	Mongan Bog SPA	004017
12	River Little Brosna Callows SPA	004086
13	Middle Shannon Callows SPA	004096

¹ Jennings O'Donovan & Partners Limited (2021). *Cutaway Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment Belmont Bog, Co. Offaly May 2021*

14	River Suck Callows SPA	004097
15	All Saints Bog SPA	004103

Following screening it can reasonably be concluded that **there is no likelihood of significant effects to these 15 European Sites** because of the proposed project, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. **Therefore, the potential for significant effects on these 15 European Sites has been excluded and have been 'Screened Out' from the Appropriate Assessment process and no Appropriate Assessment is required for these European Sites. "**

Therefore following screening, an AA is not required for the Project as it is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any Site(s) as European Site(s) and as it can be concluded, on the basis of objective information, that the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on any European Site(s).