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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. P0500-01). 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 – *Boora Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021 – Addendum 1* – should be read in conjunction with – *Boora Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021*.

This report - *Boora 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 Boora 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 Boora Bog had the potential to result in Likely Significant Effects on European Sites. The concluding statement of this report reads as follows:

“There are a total of 20 European Sites located within the 15km zone of consideration”... “it can reasonably be concluded that there is no likelihood of significant effects to these 20 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 20 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).

¹ Jennings O’Donovan & Partners Limited (2021). *Article 6(3) Appropriate Assessment Screening Report Boora Bog, Co Offaly Decommissioning and Rehabilitation 2021*