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1. INTRODUCTION

Bord na Móna operates under IPC Licence issued and administered by the EPA to extract peat within the Allen-Clonsast Bog group (Ref. P0503-01). 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 – *Cavemount Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021 – Addendum 1* – should be read in conjunction with – *Cavemount Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021*.

This report - Cavemount 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 Cavemount Bog.

2. APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT REPORTING FINDINGS

An Appropriate Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report ¹ was commissioned by Bord na Móna to inform whether the proposed PCAS activities at Cavemount 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 Cavemount Bog, as required. There are a total of 4 European sites located within the 15km zone of consideration:

Table 8: 4 No. European Sites

No.	European Site	Site code
1	Raheenmore Bog SAC	000582
2	River Barrow & River Nore SAC	002162
3	Split hills and Long Hill Esker SAC	001831
4	The Long Derries, Edenderry SAC	000925

Following screening it can reasonably be concluded that there is no likelihood of significant effects to these 4 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 4 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 Ltd (2021). *Cutaway Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan. Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment. Cavemount Bog, Co. Offaly*