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1. INTRODUCTION

Bord na Móna operates under IPC Licence issued and administered by the EPA to extract peat within the Boora 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 – *Derries Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021 – Addendum 1* – should be read in conjunction with – *Derries Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021*.

This report - *Derries 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 Derries 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 Derries 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 Derries Bog, as required. There are a total of 12 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	Charville Wood SAC	000571
3	Clara Bog SAC	000572
4	Clonaslee Eskers and Derry Bog SAC	000859
5	Pilgrim's Road Esker SAC	001776
6	Ferbane Bog SAC	000575
7	Fin Lough (Offaly) SAC	000576
8	Moyclare Bog SAC	000581
9	Mongan Bog SAC	000580
10	Mongan Bog SPA	004017
11	Middle Shannon Callows SPA	004096
12	Sieve Bloom Mountains SPA	004139

Following screening it can reasonably be concluded that there is no likelihood of significant effects to these 12 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 12 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.”

¹ Jennings O ‘Donovan Ltd (2021). *Cutaway Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan. Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment. Derries Bog, Co. Offaly*

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).