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Cutaway Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan 2021

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

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

"Due to the nature, small scale and short-term duration of the PCAS activities, no pathway or mechanism for the proposed works to result in any significant effect on any European Site was identified when considered on its own during the assessment process and therefore there is no potential for it to contribute to any such effects when considered in-combination with any other development or works.

It is concluded beyond reasonable scientific doubt, in view of best scientific knowledge, on the basis of objective information and in light of the conservation objectives of the relevant European Sites, that the proposed works, individually or in combination with other plans and projects, will not have a significant effect on any European Site. "

¹ MKO (2021). Cutaway Bog Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan

Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment, Mountlucas Bog, Co. Offaly May 2021