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Dear Tom Brinicombe,

SCREENING OPINION UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2007 (as amended)

Greenlink Interconnector Screening Opinion Request

I am writing further to your request for a screening opinion, dated 17 October 2018, made in accordance with The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended) ("The Regulations").

The purpose of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening procedure is to determine whether the proposed works require an Environmental Impact Assessment and submission of an Environmental Statement (ES).

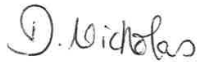
In reaching our Screening Opinion we have considered the proposed works against Schedule A1 and A2 of the above regulations. We have also consulted with the bodies that we consider have an interest in the project by reason of their environmental responsibilities, or local or regional competences, as required by the above regulations.

It is our opinion that the works relating solely to the marine licensable area, do not fall within the categories of project listed within Schedule A1 and A2 of the above regulations, however, we have considered your correspondence dated 20 September 2018, and have determined that the project as a whole, requires Environmental Impact Assessment, as volunteered by yourselves. We consider that this decision has been reached in agreement between Greenlink Interconnector and Intertek and NRW Permitting Service, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Marine Works Regulations.

We have come to this conclusion based on the likely significant impacts of the project, specifically with regard to the reasons described by you, relating to the planning permissions in Ireland.

This Screening Opinion will be provided to all those bodies that were consulted and will be publicised on our website and on our Public Register.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Nicholas'.

Debbie Nicholas
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