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**Appropriate Assessment - CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited's Application for consent to drill a single exploration well in the Iolar Prospect in Block 52/04-A under Frontier Exploration Licence (FEL) 3/18 in the Porcupine Basin offshore of the south west of Ireland**

Dear Ms Clarke,

CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited (formerly known as Nexen Petroleum U.K. Limited) ("CNOOC") hereby respond to your email dated Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March regarding our application for consent to drill a single exploration well in the Iolar Prospect in Block 52/04-A under Frontier Exploration Licence (FEL) 3/18 in the Porcupine Basin.

CNOOC acknowledge the decision that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (Natura Impact Statement) within the meaning of Article 6(3) of Directive (92/43/EEC) (as amended) and Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011) (as amended), is required.

CNOOC hereby submits the following documentation to support this assessment process:

- Amended Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report; and
- Natura Impact Statement.

Separately, CNOOC also submits an Article 12 (Annex IV Species) Assessment Screening Report.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Rory Dunphy should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

**Michelle Ball,**  
Environmental, Health & Safety Lead, Ireland  
CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited