



NOTICE OF APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION AND CONCLUSION STATEMENT

On 17TH May, 2019, having considered:-

- Documents provided by the applicant – Natura Impact Statement and Article 12 Assessment Screening Report;
- External review of the applicant’s Natura Impact Statement and Article 12 Assessment Screening Report by Ramboll (Appendix 1 of the Determination);
- Submissions received during the public consultation phases;
- Ramboll’s consideration and response to each submission received during the public consultation phases (included in Appendix 1 of the Determination).

a Determination was made, that the application by CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited to drill a single exploration well in the Iolar prospect under Frontier Exploration Licence (FEL) 3/18 in the Porcupine Basin offshore of the south west of Ireland would not adversely affect the integrity of a European site whether individually or in combination with other plans or projects subject to the mitigation measures proposed by the applicant.

Appropriate Assessment Conclusion

Having considered the application by CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited, the conclusions of the NIS, the submissions from the public consultation and based on the foregoing, I have concluded, for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive that the application by CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited to drill a single exploration well in the Iolar prospect under Frontier Exploration Licence (FEL) 3/18 in the Porcupine Basin offshore of the south west of Ireland would not adversely affect the integrity of a European site (whether individually or in combination with other plans or projects).

Judicial Review

Please note that any person wishing to challenge the validity of the determination may do so by way of judicial review only. A Judicial Review is a review of the decision making process such as failure to follow fair procedures, failure to consider relevant factors and failure to comply with statutory requirements. A judicial review may be brought before the High Court under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986), as amended. Any application for leave to apply for judicial review must be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date of the Determination. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from Citizens Information at your local [Citizens Information Centre](#), by phone (0761 07 4000) or online (www.citizensinformation.ie) or from the Courts Website (www.courts.ie).

Disclaimer: The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions on judicial review and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

17TH May, 2019

Signed:

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