## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Martina Hennessy

CC: Maria O'Brien, Michael Hanrahan, Michael Purcell, Sinéad O Reilly

From: Clare Morgan (Head of PAD Technical)

Date: 31 January 2020

Re: Kinsale Area Petroleum Lease (OPL1) Decommissioning Plan Consent Application No. 2

## PAD Technical Recommendation

The second Consent Application (No.2) dated 8 August 2019, submitted by PSE Kinsale Energy Ltd. ("KEL"), forms part of the application process to decommission the Kinsale Head and Ballycotton gas fields. Consent Application No. 2 refers specifically to decommissioning the jackets, whereas the removal of topsides, subsea facilities (manifolds / jumpers etc.) and wells has been covered in the No. 1 application, which has been approved by the Minister (dated 18 April 2019).

The technical assessment for this application was carried out by Selgovia Ltd. (PAD consultant Petroleum Engineer) on behalf of the Department (Reference: Memorandum from Selgovia Ltd ("Selgovia")), dated 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

PAD Technical is satisfied that Selgovia has carried out a comprehensive assessment of the Consent Application No. 2 and that the conclusions and recommendations of Selgovia are acceptable.

PAD Technical is satisfied that there is no reason to withhold approval of the Consent Application No. 2, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. All platform legs shall be cut below the sea bed.
- 2. Technical conditions are met as previously set out in Consent letter for Application No.1 dated 26 April 2019.

Clare Morgan

Head of PAD Technical

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