

SCREENING FOR APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION

Project reference: LIC230006 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK DEPLOYMENT, OPERATION AND RECOVERY OF HYDROPHONES OFF THE COAST OF COUNTIES WICKLOW AND CORK

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), MARA has undertaken Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if these deployments and operation and maintenance of hydrophones off the coast of Counties Wicklow and Cork, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effects on any European site.

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, MARA has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information.

This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed deployments and operation and maintenance, and has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites.

Recommending officer: _____

Mary Hegarty, 30th November 2023

Decision maker: _____

Rory O'Leary, 5th December 2023

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