

**Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2001, as amended.**

**Consideration of Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, to determine whether it is necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment for a proposed maritime usage the subject of a licence application.**

<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:</b>	LIC230004
<b>Date:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Aughinish Alumina Ltd
<b>Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:</b>	Maintenance dredging
<b>Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021):</b>	Dredging (including dredging involving the use of a device to remove any material, whether or not suspended in water, from one part of the seabed to another part of the seabed) other than— (a) dredging carried out to create a new harbour, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow access for larger ships, or (b) dredging ancillary to development authorised under the Act of 2000, whether or not it involves the removal of any material from the sea or seabed.

**Part A - Consideration of schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001**

**Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?**

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, proceed to question 2.

**Answer: No**

**Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?**

If Yes, proceed to question 3.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

**Answer: No**

**Question 3: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?**

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

**Answer: No**

**Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001**

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

N/A

I conclude, that after having regard to schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 in the context of the above referenced proposed maritime usage, it is not necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment.



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