10 January 2008

Attorney General
Government Buildings
Upper Merrion Street
Dublin 2

Re: Drafting of Electricity Regulation (EirGrid) (Amendment) Bill

I am directed by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to request you to arrange for the drafting of the Electricity Regulation (EirGrid) (Amendment) Bill, along the lines of the enclosed general scheme. I also enclose a copy of Government Decision Ref S180/20/10/1031 which approves the drafting of this Bill and its classification as a priority item in the Government's legislation programme, with a view to its early enactment.

The purpose of this Bill is to provide a legal underpinning for EirGrid's role in procuring, owning and operating the East West Electricity Interconnector ("the Interconnector"). The European Communities (Internal Market in Electricity) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. 445) established EirGrid plc and set out the functions of the Transmission System Operator (TSO). This Bill provides for expanding the functions of the TSO to include the construction, ownership, maintenance and operation of an interconnector, subject to the granting of appropriate authorisations and licences by the Commission for Energy Regulation. It also provides for an increase in EirGrid's statutory borrowing limit.

For information purposes, I have also enclosed a copy of correspondence between the Department and Mr. Patrick Mooney, Advisory Counsel, on legal issues relevant to this Bill.

The timely publication and enactment of this Bill is crucial to the delivery of the Interconnector, in line with Programme for Government commitments. Officials from this Division will be available to meet or assist the Parliamentary Draftsman as required, at your convenience (Aoife MacEvilly, Assistant Principal at ☎ 6782237 or Laura Casey, Administrative Officer at ☏ 6783130).

Katherine Licken
Principal Officer
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Mr. Patrick Bourrel
Principal Officer
Trans-European Networks -Energy
European Commission
DG Energy and Transport
Office DM24 03/91
1049 – Brussels

5 September 2007

Application for TEN-E financial aid by EirGrid plc, Ireland

Dear Mr Bourrel,

I refer to the recent application by EirGrid plc, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, Ireland for Community financial aid in the field of the trans-European energy network. This application relates to priority project EL.6 – Ireland-United Kingdom undersea cable to link Ireland and Wales (UK).

The Irish Government has identified this project as being of critical national strategic importance and it is one of a small number of large-scale public-good energy infrastructure projects included in the Irish National Development Plan 2007-2013. Delivering the project is a key commitment as set out in Ireland's latest Programme for Government, which was agreed in June 2007. The Government has mandated EirGrid to deliver the interconnector at the earliest possible date before 2012, with oversight from the independent statutory energy regulator, the Commission for Energy Regulation.

The potential benefits to Ireland include enhanced security of supply, the promotion of competition in the electricity supply market and integration of Ireland's electricity system into the wider European market. Additionally, the interconnector will help support the increased penetration of renewable generation in the Irish market and it will offer potential opportunities for export of Irish wind-generated electricity. The Government's recent energy white paper, *Delivering a Sustainable Energy Future for Ireland*, sets an ambitious target of achieving 33% of electricity consumption from renewable sources by 2020.

In this context, the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources approves and supports fully the application made by EirGrid plc for financial aid.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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David Glynn
Principal
Electricity and Gas Regulation Division

Mr. Patrick BOURREL
Project Officer (Energy)
European Commission
Rue de la loi 200
Directorate-General for Energy and Transport
Unite B1: TEN policies & technological development
Office DM24, 3/090
1049 - Brussels

Dear Mr Bourrel,

Please find enclosed for consideration grant application forms A and B for the TEN-E Energy 2007 Call for Proposals. This application relates to priority project EL.6 – Ireland-United Kingdom undersea cable to link Ireland and Wales (UK) ("the East West Interconnector").

I wish to inform you that much has changed and much progress has been made since the last application for funding in respect of the East West Interconnector was approved.

Firstly, ESB National Grid has been fully unbundled from ESB, the incumbent utility, in compliance with EU policy as set out in EU directives 96/92/EC and 2003/54/EC. Responsibility for system operation and development, including interconnection, is now vested in a new independent entity EirGrid, plc. EirGrid was vested as transmission system operator in July 2006.

Secondly, Government policy as enunciated in the Energy Policy White Paper, March 2007, has identified the East West Interconnector as being of critical national strategic importance. In law, electricity interconnection has been identified as strategic national infrastructure for planning purposes and can avail of "fast-tracked" planning procedures. EirGrid has been mandated to deliver the East West Interconnector with oversight from the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER). The CER is the independent statutory body responsible for regulating and overseeing the liberalisation of Ireland's energy sector.

This represents a significant role change from that of ESB National Grid, which explored interconnection options and feasibility for third parties, to expediting and procuring a major infrastructure initiative. EirGrid is not simply the project facilitator but is the project developer and will ultimately own and operate the developed interconnector. As a consequence the studies that were scoped for the previous round of TEN-E funding have been significantly augmented and this is reflected in this application.

I joined EirGrid in January 2007 to lead this project and the East West Interconnector core project team is now established and developing the project.

On the subject of cost estimates for the interconnector, the interconnector will be subject to competitive tendering and will comply with procurement guidelines. The outcome of the competition and the resulting price will not be established until next

year. EirGrid do not wish to pre-empt or prejudice the outcome of the competition and we are therefore not quoting cost estimates.

I hope the enclosed forms meet with your requirements and are favourably reviewed. If you have any queries with respect to the forms or indeed the project, please do not hesitate to contact me at +353 1 7021108 or john.fitzgerald@eirgrid.com

Yours sincerely,

John Fitzgerald
Project Manager East West Interconnector

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TEN-E PROGRAMME 2007

APPLICATION FORM

for Community financial aid in the field of
the trans-European energy network

Annual work programme 2007

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2007

PART A

Administrative information

GAS ☐ ELECTRICITY ☒

PROJECT TITLE

HVDC Interconnector between Ireland and UK (Wales)

APPLICANT (-s)

N.	Denomination	Member State	Legal Status
	EirGrid	Ireland	Public Undertaking

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Received on: Number:

A1 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION ON APPLICANTS

1. MEMBER STATE APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL AID (If more than one Member State is applying please copy this page and assign a number to each applicant)	N.
1.1 Official Name of the Member State	Ireland
Name of the Ministry	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural resources
Full official Address	29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Ireland
1.2 Person authorised to sign this application	
Name	
Function	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
1.3 Contact person/person responsible for the application	
Name	
Function	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
1.4 If applicable: Public or private undertaking or body which will implement the project, designated by the Member State on its responsibility	
Full official name	
Full official address	
Date	**Signature and stamp** of the **applying** Member State (as named under 1.1 and 1.2)

2. PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UNDERTAKING OR BODY APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL AID (If more than one body is applying please copy this page and assign a number to each applicant)	N.
2.1 Official Name of the entity	
Legal form of the legal entity	EirGrid
Full official Address	27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.
2.2 Person authorised to sign this application	
Name	John Fitzgerald
Function	Project Manger: Ireland – UK HVDC Interconnector
Address	27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.
Phone	00-353-1-7021108
Fax	
E-mail	John.fitzgerald@eirgrid.com
2.3 Contact person / person responsible for the application	
Name	Jane Dunne
Function	Project Accountant
Address	27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.
Phone	00-353-1-7027046
Fax	
E-mail	Jane.dunne@eirgrid.com
2.4 Official name of the Member State approving this application	
Name of the Ministry	Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
Full official Address	29/31 Adelaide Road Dublin 2
2.5 Person authorised to sign this application	
Name	David Glynn
Function	Principal Officer - Director, Electricity and Gas Regulation Division
Address	29/31 Adelaide Road Dublin 2
Phone	00 353 1 678 3103
Fax	00 353 1 678 3139

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E-mail	david.glynn@dcenr.gov.ie
Date	Signature and stamp of the representative of the **applying** entity (as named under 2.2 and 2.3)
Date	Signature and stamp of the **approving** Member State (as named under 2.4 and 2.5)

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3. INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY **FINANCIAL AID** (If more than one organisation is applying please copy this page assign a number to each applicant)	N.
3.1 Official Name of the International Organisation	
Full Official Name	
Full official Address	
3.2 Person authorised to sign this application	
Name	
Function	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
3.3 Contact person / person responsible for the application	
Name	
Function	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	

Date	Signature and stamp of the representative of the applying International Organisation (as named under 3.1 and 3.2) **Please attach the letter(s) containing the approval of the Member State(s) concerned.**

4. JOINT UNDERTAKING APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL AID (If more than one organisation is applying please copy this page and assign a number to each applicant)	N.
4.1 Official Name of the Joint Undertaking	
Full Official Name	
Full official Address	
4.2 Person authorised to sign this application	
Name	
Function	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
4.3 Contact person / person responsible for the application	
Name	
Function	
Address	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Date	Signature and stamp of the representative of the **applying** Joint Undertaking (as named under 4.1 and 4.2) **Please attach the letter(s) containing the approval of the Member State(s) concerned.**

5. FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION

Please provide the bank account to which the Community financial aid shall be paid under the responsibility of the beneficiary. You may download the editable Financial Identification form in your language and for your country and attach it to the application. Please consult this internet address:

FINANCIAL IDENTIFICATION

PRIVACY STATEMENT http://europa.eu.int/comm/budget/execution/ftiers_fr.htm

ACCOUNT HOLDER

NAME

ADDRESS

TOWN/CITY | POSTCODE

COUNTRY | VAT NUMBER

CONTACT PERSON

TELEPHONE | FAX

E - MAIL

BANK

BANK NAME

BRANCH ADDRESS

TOWN/CITY | POSTCODE

COUNTRY

ACCOUNT NUMBER

IBAN

REMARKS :

BANK STAMP + SIGNATURE OF BANK REPRESENTATIVE
(Both Obligatory)(1)

DATE + SIGNATURE ACCOUNT HOLDER :
(Obligatory)

(1) The bank stamp and signature of its representative are not required if this form is accompanied by a copy of a bank statement. The signature of the account holder is obligatory in all cases.

6. LEGAL ENTITY

The legal form of the public and private undertakings or bodies and international organisations needs to be provided. You may download the editable Legal Entities form in your language and for your country and attach it to the application. Please note that some additional documents referred to in the legal entity form need to be attached. Please consult this internet address:
http://ec.europa.eu/budget/execution/legal_entities_en.htm

7. ADDITIONAL FORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS AND BODIES

7.1 Financial capacity

Public and private undertakings and bodies must have the financial capacity to complete the action for which the grant is sought. Please provide therefore the annual accounts for the last financial year for which the accounts have been closed.

7.2 Technical capacity

Public and private undertakings and bodies must have the technical and operational capacity to complete the project for which the grant is sought. Please provide therefore appropriate documents attesting to that capacity (proof of experience in carrying out actions of the type in question).

7.3 Compliance with Article 114(2) of the Financial regulation and its Implementing Rules

The public or private undertakings or bodies should/must be aware of Articles 93 to 96 and Article 114 of the Financial Regulation[1] as well as to Article 134b of its Implementing Rules.[2]
The public or private undertakings or bodies directly concerned with implementing the project should **complete and sign** the declaration form in **Annex I.**

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[1] Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. OJ L 248 of 16 September 2002, p. 1, amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n° 1995/2006 of 13 December 2006. OJ L 390 of 30 December 2006, p. 1

[2] Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) n°2342/2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) n°1605/2002 (OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002 p.1), as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) n°478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (OJ L 111 of 28.04.2007, p.13)

A2 COMPLIANCE WITH COMMUNITY POLICY AND LAW

1. COMPLIANCE WITH COMMUNITY POLICY ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR WORKS PROJECTS (INCLUDING PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF "STUDY" PROJECTS)

1.1 **How does the project:**

a. contribute to the objective of environmental sustainability (European climate change policy, halting loss of biodiversity, other ...)
b. respect the principles of preventive action and that environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source
c. respect the "polluter pays" principle

The construction of a HVDC Interconnector between Ireland and the UK will facilitate the Bi-directional transfer of 'Green Energy' from the wind farms in both jurisdictions.

It will enable Ireland to source an alternative \ diversified source of energy.

1.2 **Consultation of environmental authorities**

Have the environmental authorities likely to be concerned by the project been consulted by reason of their specific responsibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

– If yes, please give name(s) and address(es) and explain that authority's responsibility:

– If no, please give reasons:

The project is in its start up phase and as such has not progressed to the point of consultation with the environmental authorities.

1.3. **Environmental Impact Assessment**

1.3.1. *DEVELOPMENT CONSENT*[3]

1.3.2.1 Has development consent already been given to this project?

Yes ☐ No x

1.3.2.1 If yes, on which date

n\a

1.3.2.1 If no, when was the formal request for the development consent introduced:

n\a

[3] 'Development consent' means the decision of the competent (national) authority or authorities which entitles the developer to proceed with the project.

1.3.2.1 By which date is the final decision expected?

n a

1.3.2.1 Specify the competent authority or authorities, which has given or will give the development consent

Intend to apply directly to An Bord Pleannala under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006.

1.3.2. *APPLICATION OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 85/337/EEC ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)* [4]

1.3.2.1. Is the project a class of development covered by:

☐ Annex I of the Directive (go to question 1.3.2.2)

☐ Annex II of the Directive (go to question 1.3.2.3)

x Neither of the two annexes (go to question 1.3.3)

1.3.2.2. When covered by Annex I of the Directive, include the following documents:

a. the information referred to in Article 9 (1) of the Directive
b. the non-technical summary[5] of the Environmental Impact Study carried out for the project
c. information on consultations with environmental authorities, the public concerned and, if applicable, with other Member States

1.3.2.3. When covered by Annex II of the Directive, has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out for this project?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, include the necessary documents listed under point 1. 3.2.2

If no, explain the reasons and give the thresholds, criteria or case by case examination carried out to reach the conclusion that the project has no significant environmental effects

1.3.3. *APPLICATION OF THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DIRECTIVE 2001/42/EC*[6] *(SEA-Directive)*

1.3.3.1. Does the project result from a plan or programme falling within the scope of the SEA Directive?

x NO - in which case please provide a short explanation:

There is no plan or programme between states which include proposals for interconnectors to which the SEA Directive could apply.

☐ YES - in which case, in order to appreciate if wider potential cumulative effects of the project have been addressed, please provide either an internet link to or an

[4] Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (OJ L 175 of 05 July 1985) as amended.

[5] Prepared under Article 5 (3) of Directive 85/337/EEC, as amended.

[6] Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, OJ L 197 of 21.7.2001.

electronic copy of the non-technical summary[7] of the Environmental Report carried out for the plan or programme.

1.4. Assessment of effects on Natura 2000 sites

Is the project likely to have significant negative effects on sites included or intended to be included in the NATURA 2000 network?

This cannot be answered at this stage.

☐ Yes, in which case:

(1) Please provide a summary of the conclusions of the appropriate assessment carried out according to Article 6 (3) of Directive 92/43/EEC[8]

(2) In case, compensation measures were deemed necessary according to Article 6 (4), please provide a copy of the form "Information on projects likely to have significant negative effect on NATURA 2000 sites, as notified to the Commission (DG Environment) under Directive 92/43/EEC[9]" (Annex II-A).

☐ No, in which case attach a completed Annex II-B declaration filled in by the relevant authority.

1.5. Additional environmental integration measures

Does the project envisage, apart from Environmental Impact Assessment, any additional environmental integration measures (e.g. environmental audit, environmental management, specific environmental monitoring)?

Yes ☐ No [x]

If yes, specify

1.6. Cost of measures taken for correcting negative environmental impacts

If included in total cost, estimate proportion of cost of measures taken to reduce and/or to compensate for negative environmental impacts

% 0

Explain briefly:

The project is in its start up phase and as yet no specific environmental impacts have been identified which might require such compensation.

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[7] Prepared under Annex I (j) of Directive 2001/42/EC.

[8] OJ L 206 of 22.07.92.

[9] Document 99/7 rev.2 adopted by the Habitats Committee (Member States representatives established under Directive 92/43/EEC) at its meeting on 04.10.99.

1.7. **In case of projects in the areas of water, waste water and solid waste:**

Explain whether the project is consistent with a sectoral integrated plan and programme associated with the implementation of Community policy or legislation in those areas:

2. COMPATIBILITY WITH COMMUNITY LAW ON STATE AIDS

Have State aids been granted, or are foreseen to be granted, to this project which might be incompatible with EC competition law (Articles 87 – 89 of the EC Treaty)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

ANNEX I

Declaration form of the public or private undertakings or bodies applying for the Community financial aid

In accordance with Article 114(2) of the Council Regulation No 1605/2002[10] on the award of grants, and in accordance with Commission Regulation No 2342/2002[11], I declare on my honour:

I. that the body or undertaking I am representing is not in any of the following situations which would exclude it from participating in a grant award procedure:

a) it is not bankrupt, being wound up or having its affairs administered by the courts, it is not entered into an arrangement with creditors, it has not suspended business activities, is subject of proceedings concerning those matters, and it is not in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;

b) it has not been convicted of an offence concerning its professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;

c) it has not been found guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which can be justified;

d) it has not failed to fulfil obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the Member State which is the beneficiary of the financial support or those of the state where the project is to be executed;

e) it has not been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;

The cases referred to in point e) cover:

i) cases of fraud as referred to in Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests established by the Council Act of 26 July 1995[12];

ii) cases of corruption as referred to in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, established by the Council Act of 26 May 1997[13];

iii) cases of participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Joint Action 98/733/JHA of the Council[14];

iv) cases of money laundering as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC[15].

f) it is currently not subject to an administrative penalty referred to in Art. 96 of the Council Regulation No 1605/2002;

g) it is not subject to a conflict of interest during the grant award procedure;

h) it is not guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information for the procedure or of failure to supply this information required during the grant award procedure;

II. that the body or undertaking I am representing undertakes to provide, as soon as possible, the documents referred to in Article 134 and 174 of Commission Regulation No 2342/2002 at the request of the European Commission, failing which the grant may not be awarded in accordance with Article 114 of the Council Regulation No 1605/2002);

III. that this application for funding is not the subject of any other application for funding under the Community budget.

IV. If applicable (in case the applicant is a private body or undertaking): In accordance with article 173 of Commission Regulation No 2342/2002, I declare on my honour that the private body or undertaking I am representing has the financial and operational capacity to complete the action proposed in this application.

Done at: ... . on ... ...

Name: ... ...

Function: ... ...

Name and address of the body or undertaking: ... EirGrid plc, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam St. Dublin 2.

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10 Council Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 248 of 16.09.2002, p. 1) modified by Council Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 1995/2006 (OJ L 390 of 30.12.2006)

11 Commission Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 357 of 31.12.2002, p. 1) as last modified by Commission Regulation (EC, EURATOM) No. 478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (OJ L 111 of 28 April 2007)

12 OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

13 OJ C 195, 25.6.1997, p. 1.

14 OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 1. Joint action of 21 December 1998 on making it a criminal offence to participate in a criminal organisation in the Member States of the European Union.

15 OJ L 309, 25.11.2005, p. 15-36. Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing (Text with EEA relevance).

Signature: .....

ANNEX II-A

INFORMATION ON PROJECTS LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE EFFECT ON NATURA 2000 SITES AS NOTIFIED TO THE COMMISSION UNDER DIRECTIVE 92/43/EEC

Document 99/7 rev.2 adopted by the Habitats Committee (Member States representatives established under Directive 92/43/EEC) at its meeting on 04.10.99.

Hab. 99/7 Rev. 2

Member State:

Date:

Information to the European Commission according to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (Dir. 92/43/EEC)

Documentation sent for: ☐ information (art. 6(4).1) ☐ opinion (art. 6(4).2)

Competent national authority:

Address:

Contact person:

Tel., fax, e-mail:

This cannot be answered at this stage. The specific locations for the interconnector assets (converter stations, cables etc) are not yet determined. If Natura 2000 sites are to be affected, the project design will seek to avoid significant adverse effects and consultation and liaison will take place with the appropriate nature conservation organisations during project design.

1. PLAN OR PROJECT

Name and code of Natura 2000 site affected:

This site is

☐ a SPA under the Birds directive

☐ a proposed SCI under the Habitat directive

☐ hosting a priority habitat/species

Summary of the plan or project having an effect on the site:

2. NEGATIVE EFFECTS

Summary of the assessment of the negative effects on the site:

N.B.: this summary should focus on the adverse effect expected on the habitats and species for which the site has been proposed for the Natura 2000 network, include the appropriate maps and describe the already decided mitigation measures

3. ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Summary of alternative solutions studied by the Member State

Reasons why the competent national authorities have concluded that there is absence of alternative solutions

4. IMPERATIVE REASONS

Reason to nevertheless carry out this plan or project:

- ☐ Imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature (in the absence of priority habitat/species)
- ☐ human health
- ☐ public safety
- ☐ beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment
- ☐ other imperative reasons of overriding public interest

Short description of the reason:

5. COMPENSATION MEASURES

Foreseen compensatory measures and timetable:

ANNEX II -B

DECLARATION BY THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR NATURA 2000 SITES

Responsible Authority:

Having examined the project application:

Which is to be located at:

Declares that the project is not likely to have significant effects on a *NATURA 2000* site on the following grounds:

Therefore an appropriate assessment required by Article 6 (3) was not deemed necessary.

A map at scale of 1:100.000 (or the nearest possible scale) is attached, indicating the location of the project as well as the *NATURA 2000* sites concerned, if any.

Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

Signed:

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

(Authority responsible for monitoring *NATURA 2000* sites)

Official Seal: