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Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Marine Engineering Division

Addendum Report

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Purpose
This addendum report has been prepared in response to a request from AFMD for an addendum to MED reports dated 12/04/2024 and 12/06/2024 on the proposed application having regard to navigation and shipping; tourism and recreation; cultural heritage and archaeology; and health and safety.

MED has reviewed the application information, the public and statutory consultation information provided by AFMD and previous MED reports and has the following comments or observations. The sections below are in line with the sequence of sections as set out in the EIAR documentation.

Population and Human Health – Health and Safety
The aquaculture licence application includes a suite of documents covering the topic of Health and Safety. These include topics such as fire, chemicals, working on and adjacent to water, and vessels. The applicant operates to the 18001:2007 HSA certified Occupational Health and Safety management system.

The Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport did not have any observations regarding any significant health and safety impacts due to the development.

MED has accessed and inspected the existing site with no significant health and safety issues observed.

MED concludes that there is no significant impact on health and safety due to this application.

Material Assets - Traffic
Traffic generated due to the operation of this aquaculture site is low and has been in existence in the Cork and Kerry areas for many years. Both Cork County Council and Kerry County Council were consulted as part of the consultation process and did not express observations on any significant impact on local authority infrastructure such as traffic on access routes and use of local authority piers in both counties.

MED has accessed and inspected the existing site with no significant traffic issues observed.

MED concludes that there is no significant impact on traffic due to this application.

Material Assets - Shipping and Navigation
Derrynane Harbour and Bunavalla Pier are located approximately 5km to the northeast of the site. There has been inshore fishing and marine leisure activity in the vicinity of the existing site for many years. The site does not lie on any direct navigation routes, and the area is not frequented by commercial shipping. Vessel movements associated with the site are not expected to increase significantly if a new licence is granted.

Details of navigation marking which includes navigation lights and radar reflectors on the site were submitted with the application. The Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport and the Commissioners of Irish Lights (CIL) both responded to the statutory consultation for this application and did not have any observations regarding any significant impact on shipping or navigation. Any navigational marking scheme for the site is subject to statutory sanction from CIL. If a licence is granted, the UK Hydrographic Office must be informed of the geographical position of the development, to update nautical charts and other nautical publication.

MED has accessed and inspected the existing site for many years with no significant shipping or navigation issues observed.

MED concludes that there is no significant impact on shipping and navigation due to this application.

Material Assets - Tourism and Recreation

The area of South Kerry adjacent to the location of this site has a high tourism and recreation amenity value. This aquaculture site has been in existence for many years and has become embedded in the seascape off the Kerry coast.

Marine leisure activities in the vicinity of the site include sailing, sea-angling, diving, powerboating, kayaking and a local ferry/boat tour operator, however as advised above there is no significant navigational impact on these activities due to the development.

Terrestrial activities include coach and car tours; hotels and guesthouses; restaurants and pubs, the Kerry Way hiking route, Ring of Kerry Cycle Route, swimming, river, lake and shore angling, golf and camping.

As previously reported by MED, the site is visible from the Kerry side of Kenmare Bay with the N70 which is part of the Wild Atlantic Way overlooking this site with a carpark and viewing point at Com an Chiste (Coomakista). Distances from this section of the N70 road to the site range from 4.8km to 5.6km. Considering the distance of the site from the shoreline and nature of the development and structures the visual impact of the development will be low

Failte Ireland had no observations regarding any significant impacts on tourism and recreation.

MED concludes that there is no significant impact on tourism and recreation due to this application.

Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

The area of South Kerry adjacent to the location of this site has several cultural heritage and archaeology sites including Derrynane House and Abbey with a number of monuments identified on the Historic Environment Viewer of the National Monuments Service and the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage on Scariff Island and the mainland to the northeast.

The online Wreck Viewer of the National Monument Service does not identify any marine or underwater archaeological features at this location. The archaeological assessment included with the application documents did not identify any significant archaeological features in the vicinity of the site that could be impacted.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage had no observations regarding any significant impacts on cultural heritage and archaeology.

MED concludes that there is no significant impact on cultural heritage and archaeology due to this application.

Landscape and Visual Resources

As previously reported by MED, the site is visible from the Kerry side of Kenmare Bay with the N70 which is part of the Wild Atlantic Way overlooking this site with a carpark and viewing point at Com an Chiste (Coomakista). Distances from this section of the N70 road to the site range from 4.8km to 5.6km. Considering the distance of the site from the shoreline and nature of the development and structures the visual impact of the development will be low

MED concludes that there is no significant impact on Landscape and Visual Resources due to this application.