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Environment, Heritage and Local Government



11th June 2010

Ms. Agnes McLaverty
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Shell E & P Ireland Ltd
Corrib House
52 Lower Leeson Street
Dublin 2

Our Ref: MS56/11/Jan10App

Re: Foreshore licence to carry out geotechnical site investigation works at Sruwaddacon Bay, Co. Mayo

Dear Ms. McLaverty,

I refer to the above referenced foreshore licence application.

The Minister has given his approval to grant the enclosed licence. No works other than those authorised by this licence shall be carried out on the foreshore without the prior approval of this Department.

In accordance with Clause 18 of the licence, please arrange for submission of the Environmental Management Plan for approval prior to the commencement of any works.

Yours sincerely,

George Burke
Principal
Planning Policy and Legislation



LICENCE UNDER SECTION 3(3) OF THE FORESHORE ACT, 1933

In accordance with Section 3(3) of the Foreshore Act, 1933, the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government hereby authorises Shell E & P Ireland Ltd. to carry out geotechnical site investigation works at Sruwaddacon Bay, Co. Mayo.

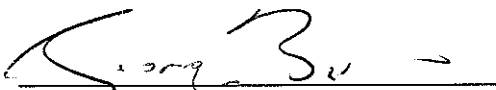
The Licence is granted on the condition that:

1. The Licensee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the State and the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government (hereinafter referred to as the Minister) their officers, agents and employees against all actions, loss, claims, damages, costs, expenses and demands arising in any manner whatsoever in connection with the said works or in the exercise of the permission hereby granted.
2. The Licensee shall pay to the Minister the sum of €950 on the execution hereof.
3. The Licensee shall use that part of the foreshore, the subject matter of this licence, for the purpose of undertaking site investigation works at Sruwaddacon Bay, Co. Mayo and for no other purpose whatsoever.
4. The Licensee shall ensure that the minimum area of access routes to the drilling sites is utilised to reduce the temporary impact from the proposed works
5. The Minister shall be at liberty at any time to terminate this Licence by giving to the Licensee notice in writing and upon determination of such notice the Licence and permission hereby granted shall be deemed to be revoked and withdrawn without any liability for the payment of compensation by the Minister to the Licensee.
6. The Licensee shall if so required by the Minister after receipt of such notice, or on the termination of this Licence from any other cause, at its own expense remove any or all equipment in connection with the said works to the satisfaction of the Minister and if the Licensee refuses or fails to do so the Minister may cause the said equipment to be removed and shall be entitled to be paid by and to recover from the Licensee as a civil debt due to the State all costs and expenses incurred by him in connection with such removal.
7. In the event of the breach, non-performance or non-observance by the Licensee of any of the conditions herein contained the Minister may forthwith terminate this Licence without prior notice to the Licensee.
8. Any notice to be given by the Minister may be transmitted through the Post Office addressed to the Licensee at its last known address.

And on specific condition that:

9. The works shall be carried out only within the corridor as shown on Drawing No. Mi2443 Rev A02.

10. In order to minimise any potential impacts on over wintering birds and the migration of salmon smolts to sea the works shall be carried out only between mid-May and Mid-October 2010.
11. More than one jack-up barge shall be used for the works.
12. SEPIL shall contact the Northwestern Regional Fisheries Board at least one week in advance of the commencement of works. Should the Board form the view that the works are impeding or are liable to impede fish migration it shall immediately inform SEPIL who shall stop work until the Board is satisfied that they can be restarted without impeding fish migration.
13. SEPIL shall liaise with the Federation of Irish Fishermen, the Killybegs Office of the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority, and local fishery organisations in relation to the use of Ballyglass Pier for the assembly and disassembly of jack-up barges.
14. The edge of the existing *Zostera* beds shall be marked by a series of small floats during the assembly and disassembly of platforms at Ballyglass Pier and jacking up of barges or anchoring of vessels shall not be permitted within 10m of the *Zostera* beds.
15. All vessel traffic shall use existing corridors when operating in the vicinity of Ballyglass Pier.
16. SEPIL shall arrange the publication of a local marine notice. This local marine notice shall give a general description of operations and approximate dates of commencement and completion.
17. SEPIL shall furnish the names/registered number of all vessels involved in the operation to the Marine Survey Office in Dublin to ensure compliance with respect to Irish Load line and passenger boat certification.
18. An Environmental Management Plan shall be submitted for approval by the Minister prior to the commencement of any works. The plan shall contain *inter alia* a work method statement, contingency plan for the potential introduction of chemical pollutants into the marine environment, an ecological monitoring plan and all relevant mitigation measures.
19. All measures related to the prevention of the accidental release of hazardous waste or general waste set out on Page 20 of the licence application (Document No. COR-25-2 MDR0470Rp0033) shall be implemented.
20. All the mitigation measures set out on Page 17 of the licence application (Document No. COR-25-2 MDR0470Rp0033) shall be implemented.



George Burke
Principal

An officer authorised in this behalf by the said Minister
Dated this 11th day of June 2010