

27th October 2023

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-311204-21)

Location: Townland of Coolshamroge, Ennis, Co. Clare

Dear Sir or Madam,

Neo Environmental Ltd (“Agent”) is acting on behalf of Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Limited (the “Applicant”), who are applying for a 10 year planning permission for a new 110kV Substation to feed into the existing Drumline-Ennis 110kV overhead line (OHL) circuit. The Substation and 110kV loop in infrastructure is situated within the townland of Coolshamroge, Ennis, Co. Clare. The Substation is to facilitate the Manusmore Solar Farm (**PA Ref:20562**), the Manusmore Solar Farm Extension (**PA Ref:21915**) and the Coolshamrock Solar Farm (**PA Ref:22586**). A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the application for planning permission.

The Planning Application follows on from a pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála (the “Board”) regarding whether or not a 110kV substation constitutes strategic infrastructure development, as defined by the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) (the “Act”). Having considered the proposal, the Board determined that the proposed development satisfies the requirements set out in Section 182A(1) of the Act and falls within the scope of section 182A of the Act, and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

The application pack comprises the following:

- **Forms**
 - Application Form
 - Copy of Site Notice

- Copy of Newspaper Notice (The Irish Examiner and The Clare Champion)
- Landowner Consent Letter
- SID Determination Letter
- Schedule of Planning Drawings
- Schedule of Pre-Application Consultation
- Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application will be sent
- Sample copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- USB of all application documents
- **Volume 1**
 - Planning Statement
 - Natura Impact Statement
- **Volume 2**
 - Planning and Technical Drawings
- **Volume 3**
 - Technical Appendix 1: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
 - Technical Appendix 2: Ecological Appraisal (EcA)
 - Technical Appendix 3: Archaeological and Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment (AAHIA)
 - Technical Appendix 4: Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA)
 - Technical Appendix 5: Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

- Technical Appendix 6: Noise Impact Assessment (NIA)
- Technical Appendix 7: Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP)

The Application Fee of €100,000.00 has been paid directly to An Bord Pleanála by the Applicant “Renewable Energy Systems Limited” with payment reference “Coolshamrock 110kV - SID Application” by E.F.T.

Should you have any issues, please contact our office on the details below.

Kind Regards,



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