

**Date:** 07<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Subject:** Sliabh Bawn Attenuation Ponds – Screening for Appropriate Assessment – Decision

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Pursuant to its obligations under Article 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), Bord na Móna plc, as a Public Authority, has carried out a Screening for Appropriate Assessment in respect of the proposed provision of 4 attenuation ponds in the townland of Trila (Martin), Doughill Forest, Sliabh Bawn Mountain, County Roscommon by Sliabh Bawn Power DAC, a limited Company of which Bord na Móna Powergen Limited holds a 50% interest; Bord na Móna Powergen Limited being a wholly owned subsidiary of Bord na Móna plc..

Having regard to:

- the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated October 2016 and prepared by Elaine Dromey MCIEEM, Ecological Consultant, which Bord na Móna plc has considered and adopts as its Screening for Appropriate Assessment,
- the conclusion reached in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated October 2016 and prepared by Elaine Dromey that no Appropriate Assessment is required, and the reasons for that conclusion,
- the reasons and recommendations set out in the Memorandum from Mary Lynch dated 7 October 2016, which said reasons and recommendations Bord na Móna plc has considered and adopts as the reasons for the decision reached by Bord na Móna plc,

and in light of the best scientific knowledge, Bord na Móna plc has determined, pursuant to Article 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011 (as amended), that the construction and operation of the attenuation ponds will not have a significant effect on the relevant European sites (the Corbo Bog SAC, Lough Ree SAC, Lough Ree SPA, Annaghmore Lough (Roscommon) SAC, Ballykenny Fisher bog SPA, Lough Forbes Complex SAC), in light of the conservation objectives of these European sites, alone or in combination with the Sliabh Bawn wind farm and other plans or projects, and an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Gerry Ryan  
Company Secretary  
and Head of Land and Property  
Bord na Móna plc.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

