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**Re: Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site
Foreshore Lease Application – Response to Observations**

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I refer to your letter dated 16th March 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Commission for Energy Regulation**. The Marine Institute has no comments to make on this observation.

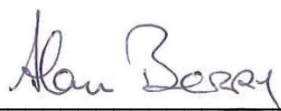
I refer to your letter dated 16th March 2016 in relation to observations made by **Bord Iascaigh Mhara**. The Marine Institute's attention has been drawn to an application to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine for a licence to culture seaweed in the vicinity of the proposed test site. The Marine Institute will consult with the applicant once that application has been published.

I refer to your letter dated 18th March 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Environmental Protection Agency**. The Marine Institute has no comments to make on this observation.

I refer to your letter dated 21st March 2016 in relation to observations made by **Met Eireann**. The Marine Institute has no comments to make on this observation.

I refer to your letter dated 22nd March 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Irish Coast Guard**. The Marine Institute will provide to the Irish Coast Guard notice and information surrounding the works in order to promulgate Navigation Warnings, etc, to advise mariners.

Yours sincerely,


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