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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 31st March 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Department of Defence**. The Marine Institute welcomes the imposition of the conditions of the Dept. of Defence into the conditions of the foreshore lease.

I refer to your letter dated 1st April 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Health and Safety Authority**. The Marine Institute has no comments to make on this observation.

I refer to your letter dated 1st April 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)**. The Marine Institute welcomes the support of SEAI for the foreshore lease application.

I refer to your letter dated 11th April 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Commissioners of Irish Lights**. The Marine Institute has no comments to make on this observation.

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