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## Dublin Port Company - Update to Notification to EPA of intention to Load and Dump at Sea in accordance with Dumping at Sea Permit S0024-01

Dear Mr Alonso.

Dublin Port Company (DPC) notified the EPA of its intention to carry out loading and dumping at sea of dredged material arising from capital dredging as part of the Alexandra Basin Redevelopment Project on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The loading and dumping at sea activities relate to the fourth and final winter dredging season (October 2020 – March 2021).

DPC informed the OEE that the loading and dumping operations would be undertaken in one continuous dredging campaign, subject to weather conditions

Expected Commencement Date 1st October 2020 Expected Completion Date 31st March 2021

During a Remote Compliance Assessment of 21st January 2021, DPC informed the EPA that capital dredging activity was proceeding well and that it was likely to be completed in February 2021, one month earlier than programmed.

However, prolonged easterly storms during the month of February 2021 has given rise to a significant volume of sediment infilling areas within the navigation channel (circa 90,000 m<sup>3</sup>).

DPC therefore wish to notify the EPA that further dredging under S0024-01 is therefore now required during March 2021

Expected Commencement Date 15th March 2021 Expected Completion Date 31st March 2021

If you require any further details on the proposed capital dredging scheme, please do not hesitate to contact myself on (01) 8876844 or <a href="mailto:emcelroy@dublinport.ie">emcelroy@dublinport.ie</a>

Yours sincerely

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