



Environmental Protection Agency,  
Curraleigh,  
Inniscarra,  
Co. Cork,  
Ireland

20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**FAO: Mr. Niall Dunne**

**RE: Permit Register Number S0021-01**

**Permit Holder:** Port of Cork Company, Custom House Street, Cork, County Cork

**Location of Loading:** Ringaskiddy

**Location of Dumping:** Western Celtic Sea

**Request for minor change to the loading and dumping activities**

Dear Sir,

The Port of Cork Company, POCC, seeks the prior written agreement of the Agency on a proposed minor change to be accommodated and controlled under the existing permit conditions and limitations for the loading and dumping activities authorised by Permit Register Number: S0021-01.

POCC seeks prior written agreement to change the completion date for loading and dumping of dredged material from Ringaskiddy East to the 30th April 2019.

There is no increase in the permitted quantities or intensity of the activity permitted by S0021-01. Further there is no change in the scale or intensity of the activity as assessed.

The proposed change does not require any change to the decision and the reason for the decision, also as set out in the Permit.

The proposed loading and dumping at sea activity will be in accordance with the Application for a Dumping at Sea Public Notice published 4th November 2014 and the Natura Impact Statement.

POCC requests this change because it will not be possible to complete Ringaskiddy East loading and dumping at sea operations by the end of 2018 as required at Schedule A.1.

The permitted loading and dumping at sea operations have been undertaken using appropriate dredging plant and dumping vessel resources, however prevailing conditions during permitted activity periods have mitigated against Ringaskiddy East being completed in the required timescale.

To date approximately 65% of the permitted quantity has been loaded and dumped at sea. We therefore consider the operation will be completed by the requested date and in advance of the 1st May 2019 Schedule A.4 closed period commencement. This is based on the productivity achieved to date by the mobilised dredging plant and dumping vessel resources. Further we confirm that the November and February closed periods will remain in effect and there will be no prohibited activity in the closed periods.

Yours faithfully,

John Geoghegan,  
Port of Cork Company Project Director