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Dear ██████████

**National Transport Strategy 2050 and Transport Master Plan 2025  
Appropriate Assessment Decision in terms of Regulation 19 of the Flora, Fauna  
and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L. 549.44)**

Reference is made to the Appropriate Assessment, as revised by Adi Associates on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 and the Transport Master Plan v.2.1 dated 24/11/2016, which ERA received on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 respectively.

The revised documents address ERA's main concerns regarding the potential impacts of the Transport Master Plan 2025 on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and their integrity from a strategic perspective. At this stage, there are no other pending matters with ERA as long as the revised Transport Master Plan 2025 v.2.1 and the revised Appropriate Assessment are finalised and published, duly addressing the environmental considerations raised by ERA. Any subsequent revisions to these documents may trigger the need for further consultation with ERA.

Projects emerging from the Transport Master Plan 2025 would require environmental screening from ERA, which may also include a project-level Appropriate Assessment in terms of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006. New extended commitments, including those beyond the Master Plan 2025 period, will be subject to the necessary environmental assessments whether at plan/programme-level or at project-level.

Yours sincerely,

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