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Date: 22nd June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

EA Reference no.: EA/00010/23

Description Proposal: Installation and commissioning of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the A-Station Tunnel in Marsa

Location: Site located within the A-Station Tunnel, Marsa

1. Introduction and site context

The project seeks the development of an off-the-shelf Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility within the underground tunnel complex of the decommissioned A-Station in Marsa. The site is around 1,000m² and is excavated underneath Jesuit's Hill in close proximity to the decommissioned Marsa power station. It lies adjacent to the existing Marsa North electricity distribution centre and to Enemalta plc administration building. The aim of this facility is to receive electricity energy from the grid or other electrical resources and store it for later inputting of electricity back to the grid.

The site and its surroundings were subject to multiple planning applications and development notices related to the Marsa Power Station. The site is also covered by an Integrated Pollution Prevention and control (IPPC) permit by ERA (IP 0003/21).



Figure 1: The location of underground A-Station tunnels as marked in blue. (Source: PDS)

2. Assessment of Impacts and Ancillary Considerations

(Screening in terms of Schedule III of the EIA Regulations, S.L. 549.46)

Based on the information provided in the Project Description Statement (PDS), it was determined that the proposal does not fall within the scope of Schedule I of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (S.L. 549.46) and therefore screening in terms of the said Regulations is not required.

Furthermore, no major environmental concerns are envisaged, thus no further assessment is required from ERA's end. In this regard, ERA does not object to this proposal.

ERA requests that the conditions in Annex I are to be annexed to the permit as an approved document.

Should you require and clarifications, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

Leonora D'Amato
Senior Environment Protection Officer
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Screening Disclaimer

The above screening results, the ensuing conclusions and recommendations are without prejudice to any required changes or updates should the development proposal be eventually modified or should the information/assumptions provided turn out to be incorrect. Any deviations of the proposal from this submission would need to be re-assessed and the merits of this screening would need to be re-opened.