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The Secretary,  
An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1.

PL 11.VC0035

25<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Sir,

**Re: Laois Kilkenny Reinforcement Project**

Please find enclosed a planning application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for strategic infrastructure development comprising the Laois Kilkenny Reinforcement Project. An Bord Pleanála pre-application Ref PL 11.VC0035 refers. This application is set out in three parts:

- (i) The **Statutory Particulars** – comprises the application form, copies of the site and newspaper notices, the drawings and schedules of same, the list of prescribed bodies with which a copy of this application has been lodged as per the advice of An Bord Pleanála during pre-application consultation.
- (ii) **Planning Report** – this report summarises the application; it provides background to the project and sets the proposal into its policy and environmental context. The report also gives a description of the study area and of the alternatives considered as well as summarising the findings of the Environmental Report.
- (iii) **Environmental Report** – this report assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed development and proposes mitigation measures where appropriate.

We trust that this application is in order and we await your decision in due course. An application fee of €100,000 is enclosed with this application.

Yours sincerely,

**Ray Niland**  
Project Manager



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