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Dear Mr Stewart Rowe,

**The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007, as amended ("the Regulations")
Request for a screening opinion - Sansend Road Coast Protection Scheme**

Thank you for your application dated 06 Dec 2011, requesting a formal screening opinion from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in respect to Sandsend Road Coast Protection Scheme.

Background

It is our normal procedure to consider such applications in compliance with our obligations under the Regulations.

In considering of these Regulations, the MMO must determine whether the works envisaged are a project listed in Annex 1 (for which an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is mandatory) or an Annex II project within the Directive.

If the works are determined to be an Annex II project, consideration should be given to the nature of the project, having regard to its size, the scope of the works and its location. This will assess the potential for it to have a significant effect on the environment and take account of a range of factors including, the materials to be used; the likelihood that the works could bring about short or longer-term changes to marine environment, natural process or interactions with existing activities; the generation of wastes or release of pollutants and cumulative effects.

MMO Screening Opinion

On reviewing the information you supplied, I am of the opinion that the works proposed do not qualify under the specifications of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007, relevant section Annex II, schedule 10 (k). However, we would suggest that due to the limited nature of the information supplied it is likely that supplementary reports to support the application would be required at the application stage.

If you have any queries or require clarification on any of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

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