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**An Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádirtha.
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.**

Ms. Susannah Uglow
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Shell E&P Ireland Limited
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5 September 2007.

Re: Notification of intention to apply for consent to construct and operate a pipeline under Section 40 of the Gas Acts 1976 to 2002

Dear Ms. Uglow,

I refer to your letter of 8 August 2007 giving notice of the intention of Shell E&P Ireland Limited (SEPIL), as operator of the Corrib Field Development, and on behalf of the Corrib Gas Partners (SEPIL, Statoil Exploration (Ireland) Limited, and Marathon International Petroleum Hibernia Limited), to apply for the consent of the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources under Section 40 of the Gas Act 1976 to construct and operate a pipeline to bring gas from the subsea facilities at the Corrib Gas Field to the gas terminal at Bellenaboy Bridge, Co. Mayo.

I can confirm that, pursuant to Section 20(1)(b) of the Gas Act 2000, the Minister certifies that the notification received from SEPIL in your letter of 8 August 2007 demonstrates a bona fide intention on the part of SEPIL to make an application for the Minister's consent under Section 40 of the Gas Act 1976.

Yours sincerely,

Ciarán Ó hÓbáin
Petroleum Affairs Division