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## Re: Proposed Renewable Energy Project.

Dear Resident.

EMPower is an Irish renewable energy developer, managing a development portfolio of over 700MW in Europe and Africa. Founded by three Irish directors, our goal is to support Ireland's climate objectives through the project creation of appropriately located, clean, indigenous energy infrastructure.

EMPower are currently exploring the potential for a renewable energy project in the general area of Dyrick Hill in County Waterford. We are committed to developing responsible projects in a way that is good for us, for Ireland and for local residents. We acknowledge this can be a challenge. We commit to managing any future design and development of this potential project in a responsible and collaborative way. Our aim is to cultivate meaningful conversations with any interested stakeholders in order to contribute to a locally sustainable renewable energy project.

The design process for any renewable energy project is lengthy and iterative, and the project team will work at length to design any potential future project incorporating local community opinion, which would help to deliver Ireland's 2030 energy targets in the most efficient way possible.

Early assessments indicate that this general area has capacity for a wind energy project pending further study and further environmental and engineering assessments.

We would like to begin the engineering assessment process by erecting a metrological mast in order to measure the potential wind speeds available in the area. Weather permitting, we hope to do this over the coming weeks. Jennings O'Donovan, a leading Irish planning consultant, based in Co. Sligo, will also be shortly amalgamating scoping documents in order to consult with numerous statutory and non-statutory organisations including National Parks and Wildlife, Inland Fisheries Ireland, area telecommunication providers, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Waterford County Council, The Aviation Authority and Fáilte Ireland plus many more. This will help us ascertain the suitability of this Study Area for a renewable energy project.

EMPower believe that the community in which a renewable energy project is situated should benefit most from any associated community benefit fund. All community benefits funds associated with EMPower projects align with industry best practice and all industry guidelines.

As part of our project's public consultation campaign, we will issue further project newsletters to you as more detailed project information becomes available and an actual project area becomes more defined. We will also host live interactive project webinars of which we will notify you in advance. This will be conducted over the coming months. We will also host a dedicated project website where you will be able to get up to date project information as the studies progress. We are constantly striving for better ways to engage with communities, and we welcome your suggestions in this regard.

Please submit any thoughts or comments on what you have read in this letter or in the enclosed project newsletter by contacting us by email, phone, or post on any of the contact details listed on the back page of the enclosed project newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to read this material.

Yours Sincerely

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