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Dublin Port Company welcomes and accepts the decision of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a Dumping at Sea Licence for the disposal of seabed material to be dredged as part of Dublin Port's Alexandra Basin Redevelopment (ABR) Project.

Under the Licence awarded, Dublin Port will be permitted to dredge the major part (92%) of material required to deepen Dublin Port over a 10 km stretch eastwards from the East Link Bridge and dump it at the existing licensed offshore disposal site located outside Dublin Bay to the west of the Burford Bank.

As a next step, Dublin Port will examine alternative methods for the disposal of the remaining 8% of materials not covered by the terms of this Licence.

Within the programme for the ABR Project, this 8% is scheduled to be dredged and disposed of in 2021, allowing sufficient time to identify and agree suitable alternative options. This may involve a new, smaller licence application by Dublin Port to the EPA.

Development work on the ABR Project is progressing, with contractors already appointed and on site.

**Eamonn O'Reilly, Chief Executive, Dublin Port Company, said:** "The ABR Project is a large and complex project in an environmentally sensitive area. A number of consents are required and most have now been fully granted. We welcome the Dumping at Sea Licence issued by the EPA. It allows us to progress on schedule with the ABR Project. The onus is now on us to find an alternative method for the residual balance of our dredging requirements in a way that is acceptable to the EPA."