

## Press release

### RWE welcomes Maritime Area Consent (MAC) award for Dublin Array

- **Award gives project ‘green light’ to progress to next stage of development**
- **Early stage project would be capable of generating between 600 – 900 megawatts**
- **Dublin Array would make major contribution to Irish Government net zero targets**

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RWE, one of the world’s leading offshore wind companies, has welcomed the award of a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) to Dublin Array offshore wind farm project by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan.

The project is a proposed offshore wind farm, which will be located on the Kish Bank and Bray Bank, about 10 kilometres off the coast of South County Dublin and Wicklow. The project is being developed by RWE in partnership with Saorgus Energy, and is still in the design stage. It will comprise between 45 and 61 wind turbines, capable of generating between 600 and 900 megawatts (MW) of clean, renewable energy.

Sven Utermöhlen, CEO Wind Offshore RWE Renewables, said: “We warmly welcome the granting of this Maritime Area Consent to Dublin Array, taking this this nationally important wind farm another critical step closer to delivery. Dublin Array will be a sustainable source of clean, green renewable electricity for the Irish market. The awarding of the MAC means that Dublin Array can now move into the final planning stages of the project in 2023 and submit a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. We look forward to continued engagement with the public, as we finalise our planning stage design.”

The Dublin Array project was originally known as the Kish Bank and Bray Bank wind farm developments. It has the potential to reduce Ireland’s carbon emissions by 1.5 million tonnes per annum and to significantly reduce the State’s use of imported fossil gas. The proposed wind farm will produce enough energy to supply up to approximately 840,000 homes at peak production.

Offshore wind farm developers in Ireland need to have a Maritime Area Consent in order to submit a planning application for the project to An Bord Pleanála.

The awarding of the Maritime Area Consent follows a comprehensive assessment by the





Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications of the Dublin Array's team's track record in the delivery of offshore wind projects. RWE Renewables, which is leading the Dublin Array project, is one of Europe's most experienced offshore wind farm developers. It owns and operates offshore wind farms throughout Europe, representing a total of 2.4 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind.

RWE also recently acquired 100% of Irish company Western Power Offshore Developments Ltd, which is in the early stages of developing the East Celtic Wind Farm project off the coast of Ireland. The project has an indicative 900MW potential installed capacity and reinforces the company's commitment to offshore wind growth in Ireland. RWE is a key partner to Irish Government in the delivery of its target of connecting 7GW (7,000MW) of offshore wind capacity to the Grid by 2030.

For more information on Dublin Array, visit our website: [www.dublinarray.com](http://www.dublinarray.com)





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### **RWE Renewables**

RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing more than €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

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