

## DETERMINATION

### To Whom it may Concern

In accordance with Section 44G (2B) (1) of the Energy (Biofuel Obligation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2010, the National Oil Reserves Agency (NORA), having considered such representations as were made to the Agency following the publication of the draft of its Proposed Determination on **30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, has determined that the feedstock material referred to as **Soapstock Acid Oil Contaminated with Sulphur** in the application for Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation Certificates, which was submitted to the Agency on **11<sup>th</sup> July 2023** by **Irving Oil Whitegate Refinery Limited**, meets the description contained in Annex IX Part A (d) of the recast Renewable Energy Directive (EU 2018/2001).

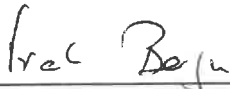
*(d) Biomass fraction of industrial waste not fit for use in the food or feed chain, including material from retail and wholesale and the agro-food and fish and aquaculture industry, and excluding feedstocks listed in part B of this Annex.*

Accordingly, RTFO Account Holders may apply for two **Green** Certificates in respect of each megajoule of biofuel produced from this material and disposed of by sale or otherwise in the State, as reported to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

In making this Determination, NORA has consulted with the following persons:

- the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI),
- the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI),
- the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.

If **Soapstock Acid Oil Contaminated with Sulphur** is added to Annex IX of the recast Renewable Energy Directive by way of amendment by the European Commission, the amended Annex IX shall supersede this determination and it will dictate the treatment of biofuel produced from this feedstock.

Signed:  For and on behalf of the National Oil Reserves Agency

Date: 28/2/24