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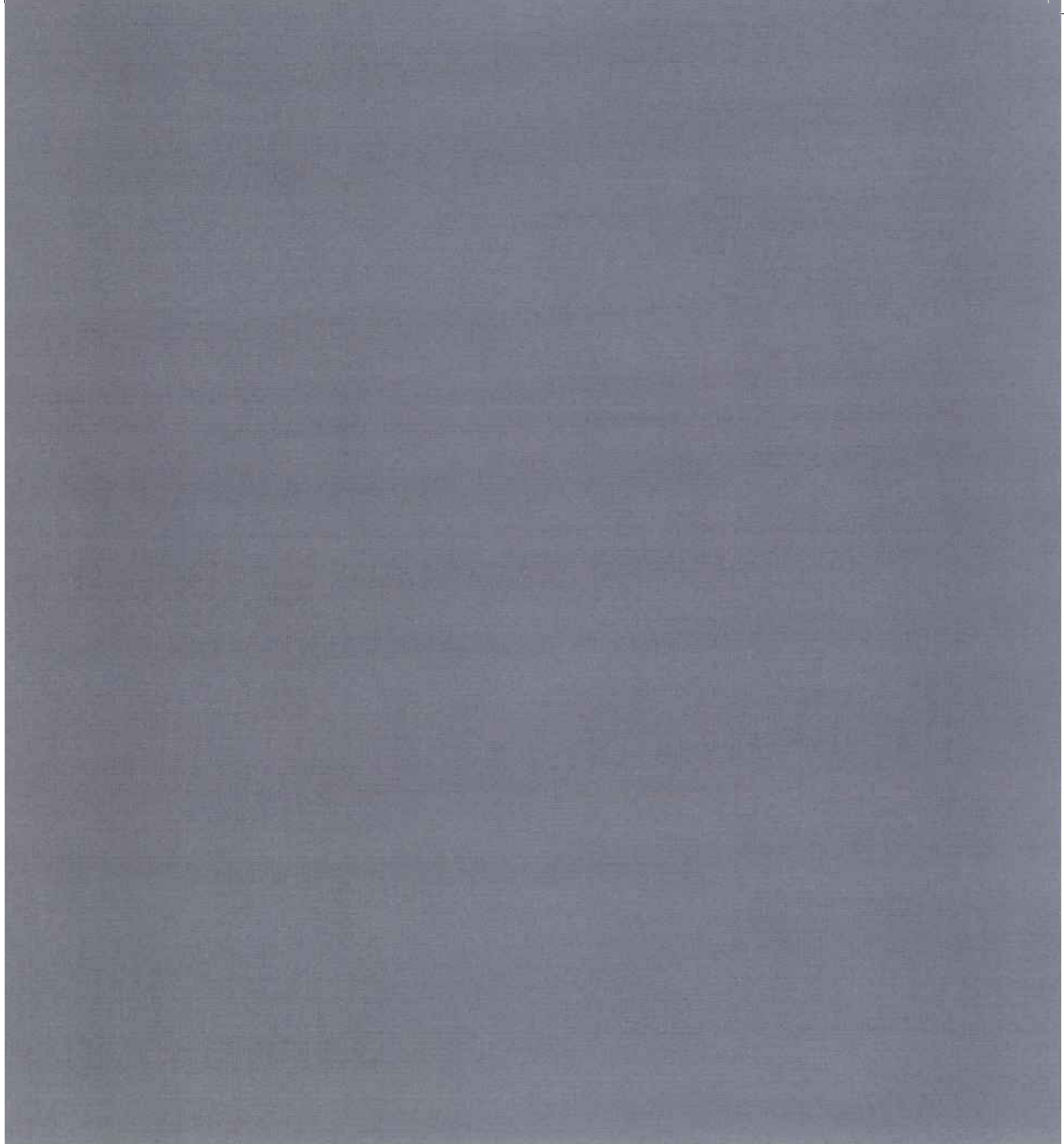
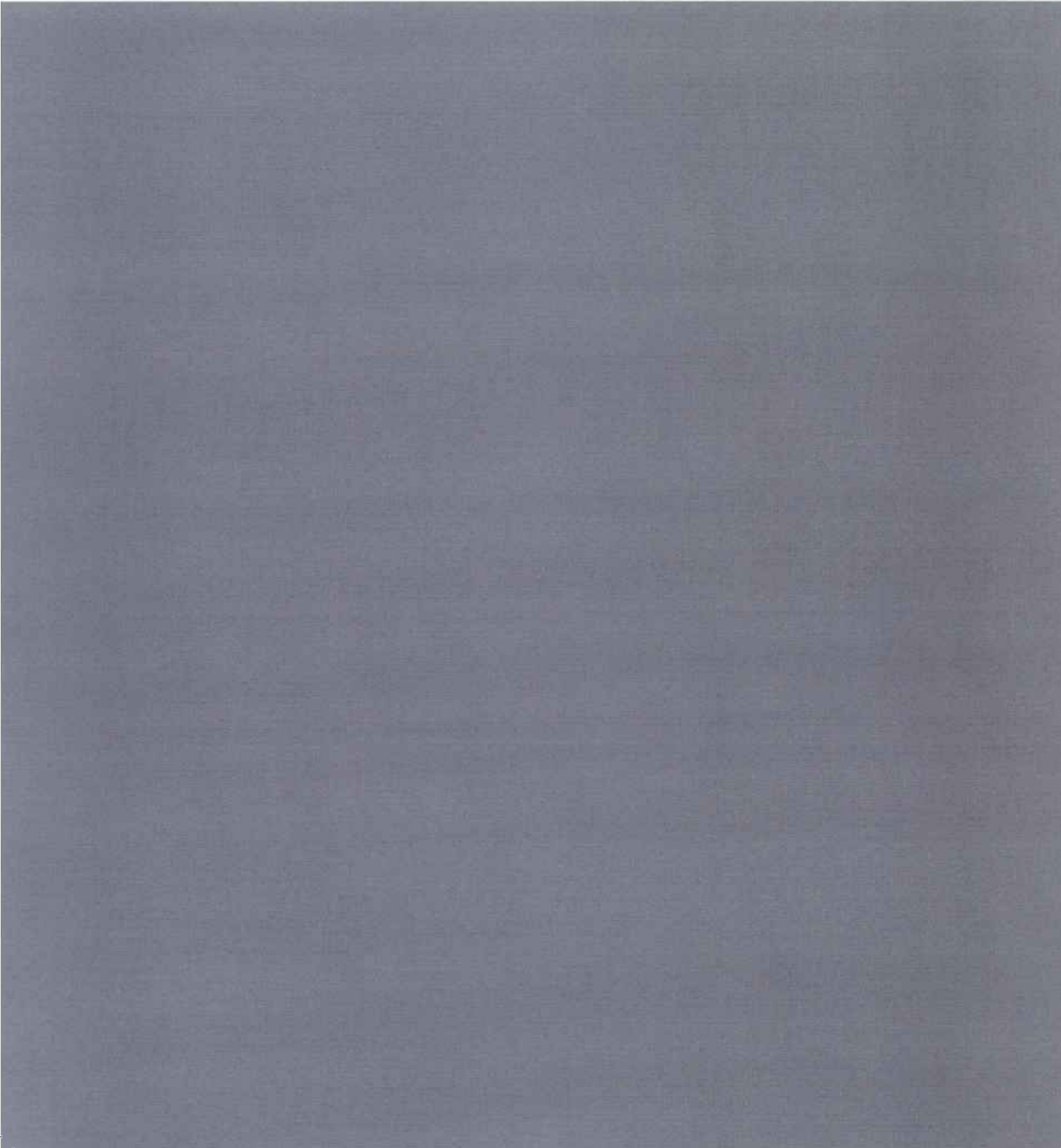
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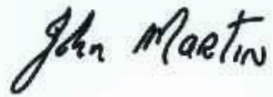
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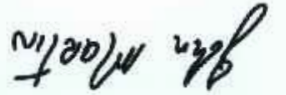
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- Grand Canal;
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- Royal Canal;
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Waterways Ireland was also charged with taking forward appropriate studies and appraisals in relation to the possible restoration of the Ulster Canal.

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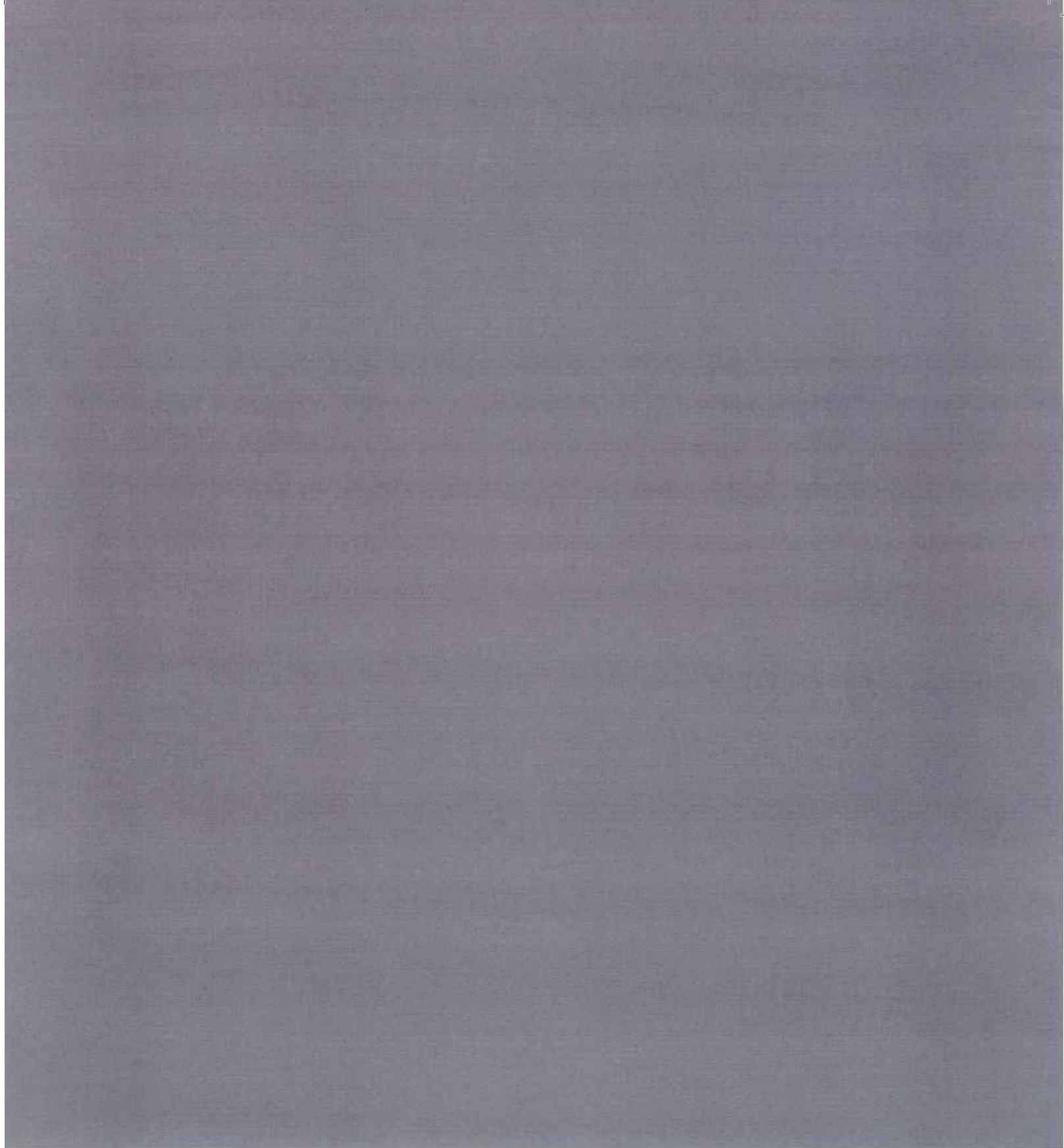
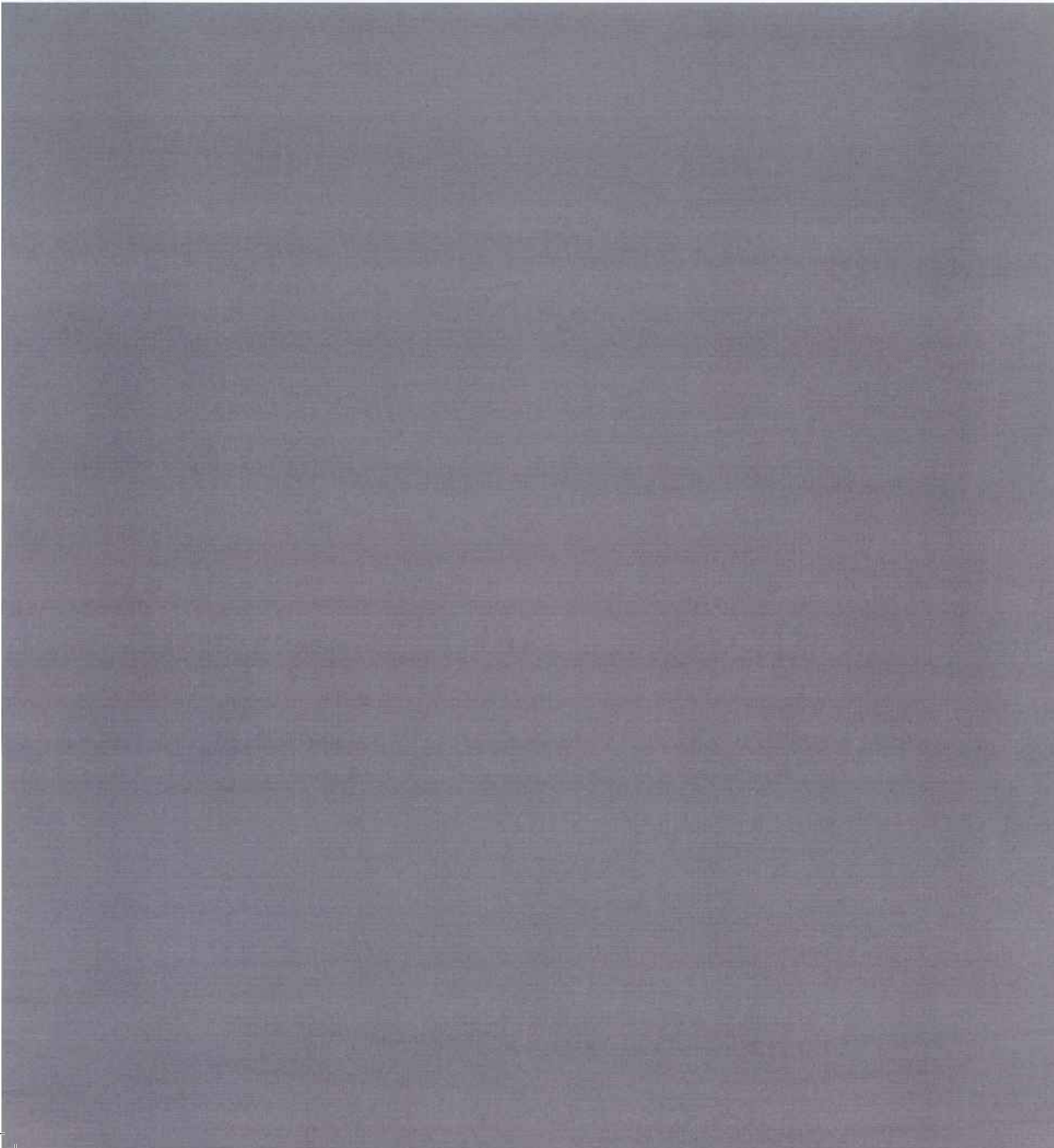
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Tenders were let for the replacement of the two existing bridges on Bord na Mona bogs in Co. Longford, one a fixed bridge and one a moving rail bridge, which permits Bord na Mona access across the Royal Canal.

Further work was completed on progressing development work on the bridges necessary to reopen navigation from the Royal Canal to the Shannon. Compulsory purchase of lands and tendering for the construction works was completed to finalise the realignment of Webb's Bridge at Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford. Site works are due to commence at the start of 2005, as will work to the Bord Na Mona Bridges. Detail design of the Longford Road Bridge at Ballymahon was also completed as part of the Royal Canal restoration.

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The Grand Canal traverses the central plain of Ireland through Co. Kildare and Co. Offaly, from the Grand Canal Dock, Ringsend in Dublin to the River Shannon at Shannon Harbour near Banagher, Co. Offaly.

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At Monasterevin, working in partnership with the local council, the design of the lifting bridge has been revised to increase the load bearing capacity from the existing estimate of four tonnes to forty tonnes. The fabrication of this bridge will require a special order of high grade steel and it is envisaged that site works will begin in 2005.

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4.1 Marketing Strategy

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4.1.1 Marketing Advisory Group

The inaugural meeting of the Waterways Ireland Marketing Advisory Group took place this year. The Marketing Advisory Group, which was proposed during a North/South Ministerial Council meeting in June 2001, was formed to advise and assist with the implementation of the Waterways Ireland Marketing & Promotion Strategy, which aims to ensure that the great potential of the waterways as a recreation amenity and tourism product both North and South is recognised, enhanced and developed. The Marketing Advisory Group consists of Waterways Ireland management, the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, the Irish Boat Rental Association, the Erne Charter Boat Association, the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland, Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland.

4.2 Marketing Activities

4.2.1 Sponsorship

In 2004, Waterways Ireland sponsored over 30 different events on the 7 waterways. The range of events included: angling at the Classic Fishing Festival in Enniskillen and the National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland (NCFI) Junior Canal Championship in Edenderry; rowing at the Bann Rowing Club Head of the River; sailing at the Mirror European Championships on Lough Derg; boat rallies in Dublin; community festivals in Bagenalstown on the Barrow and Scariff on the Shannon Navigation; Heritage Events along the Grand Canal; The Lough Ree Environmental Summer School & Arts Festival and the Patrick Kavanagh Centenary Reading at the Grand Canal in Dublin.

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4.2.2 Exhibitions

In 2004, Waterways Ireland attended the London Boat Show for the first time and hosted a number of trade partners on the Waterways Ireland stand. The Show was considered a success by both the trade partners and Waterways Ireland with over 3,000 visitors to the stand. Waterways Ireland also attended the Ireland Angling Fair in 2004, which took place in Dublin.

4.2.3 Merchandising

A range of merchandise to support the sponsorship activity of the organisation and to provide promotional retail opportunities was developed.

4.2.4 Advertising

Waterways Ireland continued to promote the work of the organisation through the placing of adverts with various travel, trade, tourism and water related publications.

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A range of merchandise to support the sponsorship activity of the organisation and to provide promotional retail opportunities was developed.

4.2.3 Merchandising

In 2004, Waterways Ireland attended the London Boat Show for the first time and hosted a number of trade partners on the Waterways Ireland stand. The Show was considered a success by both the trade partners and Waterways Ireland with over 3,000 visitors to the stand. Waterways Ireland also attended the Ireland Angling Fair in 2004, which took place in Dublin.

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Profile of Waterway users

A broad range of people, for example in terms of social class, age group and type of activity undertaken, were identified to be using the waterways. The majority of respondents were resident on the island of Ireland, with 58% residing in the Republic and 24% in Northern Ireland. Eighteen percent of respondents were overseas visitors, their average length of stay was 11.2 days and 70% visited Ireland specifically to experience the waterways. 79% of overseas respondents indicated that their experience of the waterways would encourage them to return to Ireland.

There were more male waterway users (68%) than female (32%). The average party size using the waterways was 3.6 persons. Thirty seven percent of respondents were regular users, 34% holidaymakers and 21% were locals. For 88% of respondents, English was their first language and for 6% it was German.

Activities

The four main activities respondents took part in on the seven waterways were walking (27%), private boating (24%), angling (20%) and hire boating (18%). Rowing, walking, cycling, canoe polo, angling and private boating were the activities that were most frequently undertaken by respondents.

Motivation to use the waterway

The top two motivations for using the waterway were recreation / to undertake activities (42%) and for relaxation / a break / for a holiday (38%).

Sources of information

Friends / relatives / word-of-mouth (44%), living in the area (31%) and being a regular user (28%) were the main sources of information on the waterways. The Internet (12%), tourist information office (10%) and cruise hire companies (9%) were the other main sources of information.

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Length of time spent on the waterway

The average length of stay on the waterways was approximately 4.21 days.

Rating of waterway facilities

Overall respondents rated the waterways highly, with 84% rating them as very good or good. The main reasons for rating the waterways positively were the nice natural environment (28%), the opportunity to relax and the peacefulness of the waterways (22%) and the activities one can do on the waterways (12%). The main reasons for rating the waterways negatively were because of the poor / lack of facilities (4%), untidiness / litter / pollution (2%), poor fishing (2%) and overcrowding / noisiness (2%).

The Erne received the highest rating, with 95% rating it as very good or good, followed by the Shannon-Erne (93%), Royal Canal (92%), Shannon (82%), Lower Bann (77%), Grand Canal (73%) and Barrow (59%). It should be noted however that a sizeable portion of respondents did not give a rating for the Barrow (18%) or the Shannon (10%).

Facilities That Need To Be Developed

The facilities that respondents feel are needed are public facilities (73%) including toilets, showers, changing rooms, rubbish bins, fresh water and picnic areas.

Awareness of Waterways Ireland

The survey identified a fairly high level of awareness of Waterways Ireland, with the majority (66%) having heard of the organisation.

4.2.7 Photographic Library

Work continued on the development and maintenance of a comprehensive photographic library to catalogue and store images of the waterways.

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The Staff Conference in 2004 was held in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, with the theme, 200 years of the Grand Canal.

4.3.2 Staff Newsletter

Four issues of the Staff Newsletter were produced by the voluntary editorial team which is made up of members of staff from across the organisation, including the three operational regions. The layout of the Newsletter was redesigned to allow for larger font size for text and an improved visual layout. In autumn 2004, a special issue was produced to commemorate the bicentenary of the completion of the Grand Canal.

4.3.3 Press Office

Press Familiarisation events took place on the Erne System in May and October; on the Shannon Navigation in July (Lough Derg) and August (Limerick); and on the Barrow Navigation in August. In addition, there was extensive print and radio coverage of the Official Opening of the new secure moorings in Ringsend on the Grand Canal in May; the Launch of the Marketing and Promotion Strategy and the Launch of the Taste of the Waterways Hospitality Guide in June; and the Official Opening of the Scarriff Harbour Extension on the Shannon Navigation in July. Other Waterways Ireland development work such as the Safe Swim Zone in Muckross on the Erne System; the new landing jetty in Athlone on the Shannon Navigation; Royal Canal restoration work in Co. Longford; Ballyleague Moorings on the Shannon Navigation; and the commencement of new harbour works at Garrykennedy and Cleighran More on the Shannon Navigation also received print coverage.

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4.3.6 Corporate Identity

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4.3.7 Departmental and NSMC Liaison

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4.4 Customer Service

4.4.1 Appointment of Customer Services Co-ordinator

A member of the Marketing and Communications Division in Carrick-on-Shannon Office was assigned to the role of Customer Services Co-ordinator with responsibility for co-ordinating the delivery of the Enhanced Customer Services Strategy, administering the complaints handling procedures and reporting on a quarterly basis to the Chief Executive.

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Training on the Enhanced Customer Services Strategy and Codes of Practice for all employees of Waterways Ireland began in 2004. The tender for the recruitment and selection of a third party training company to deliver Customer Services Training was awarded in October and the roll-out of the training to all staff commenced in November. The training programme was based on an approach to Customer Services Training which concentrated on true understanding of the principles of Customer Care and addressed the real causes of limited performance.

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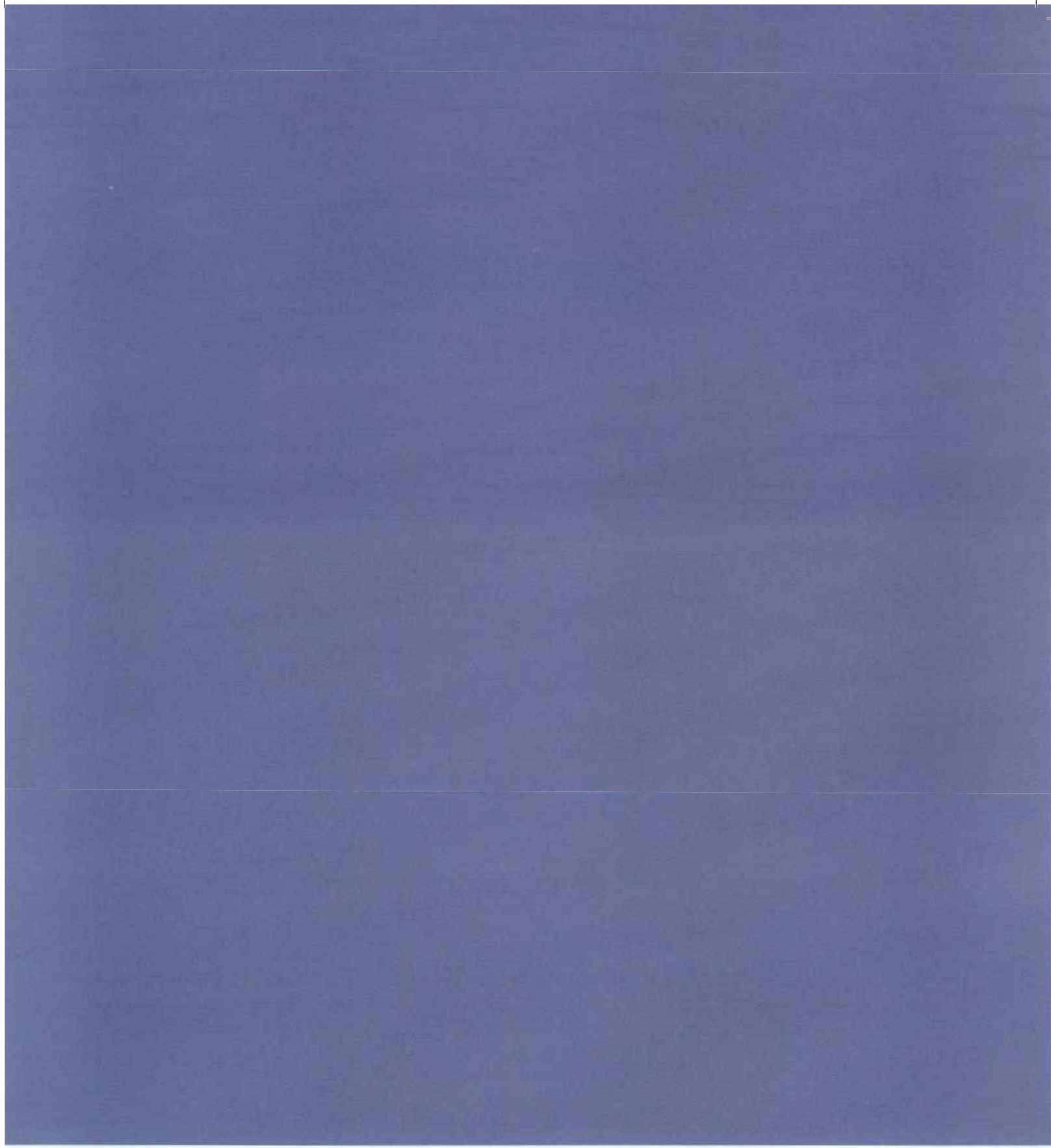
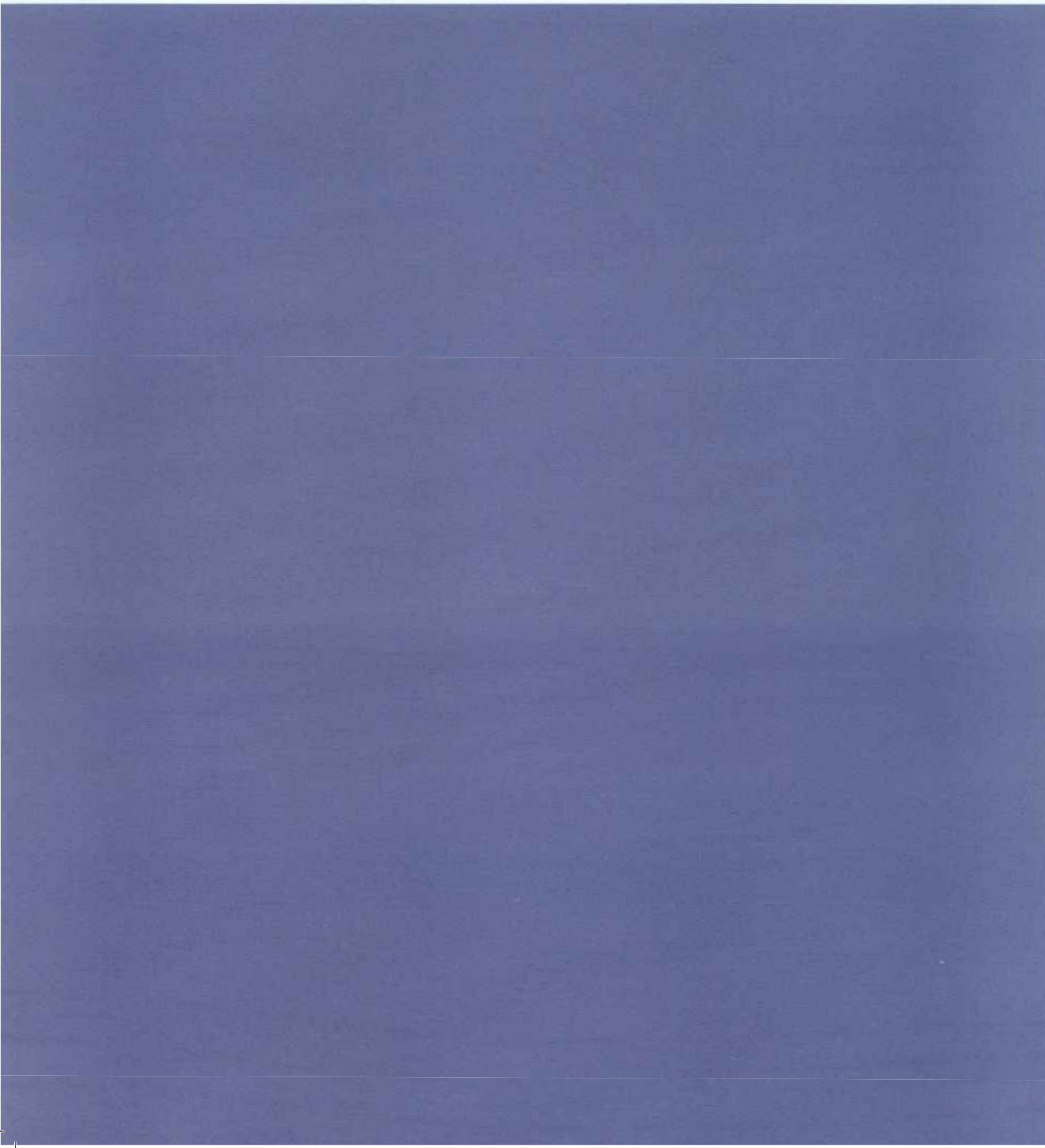
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The organisation took over management of the deeds of the properties in its ownership from the Office of Public Works and these have been recorded and are now in safe storage.

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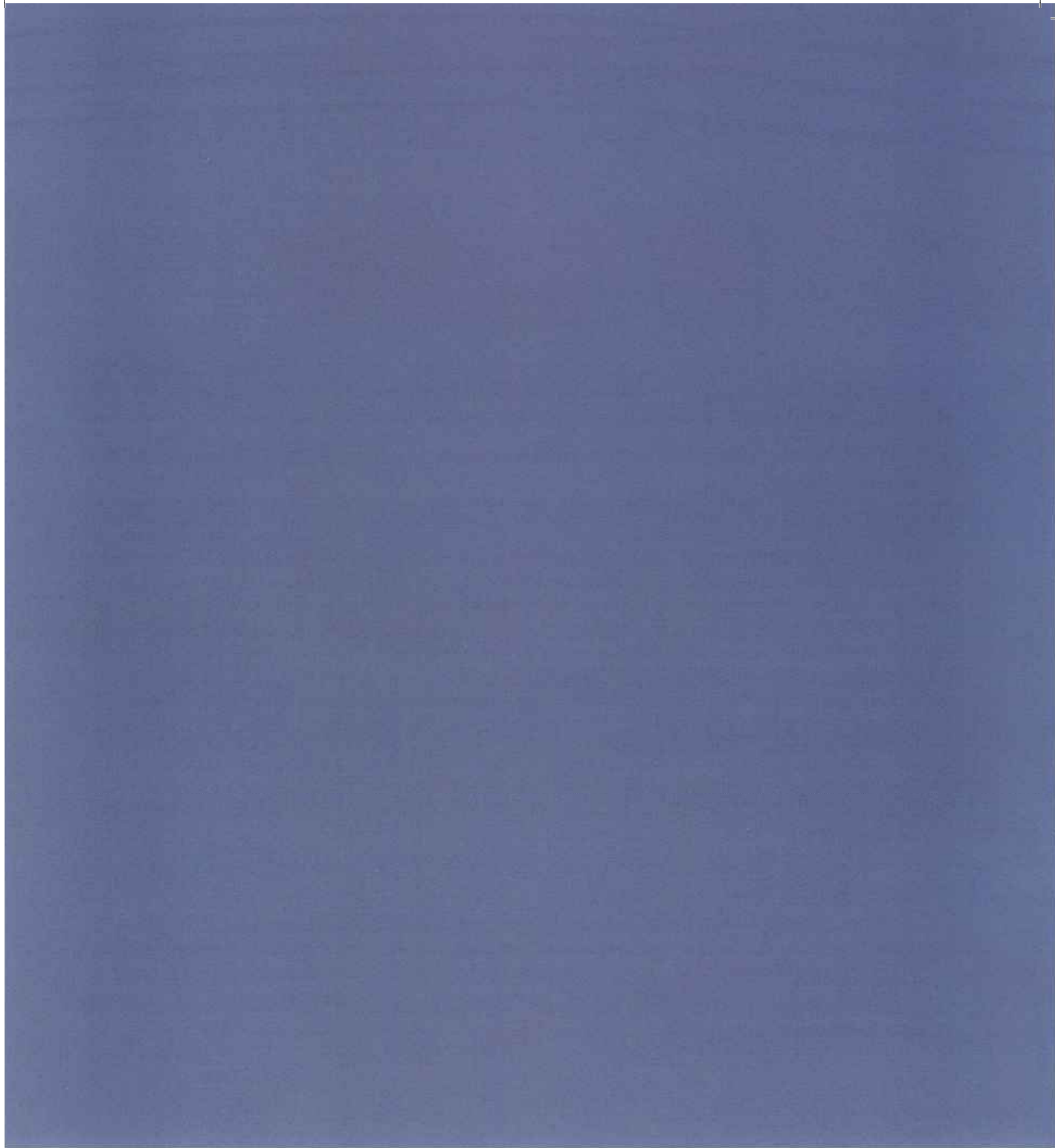
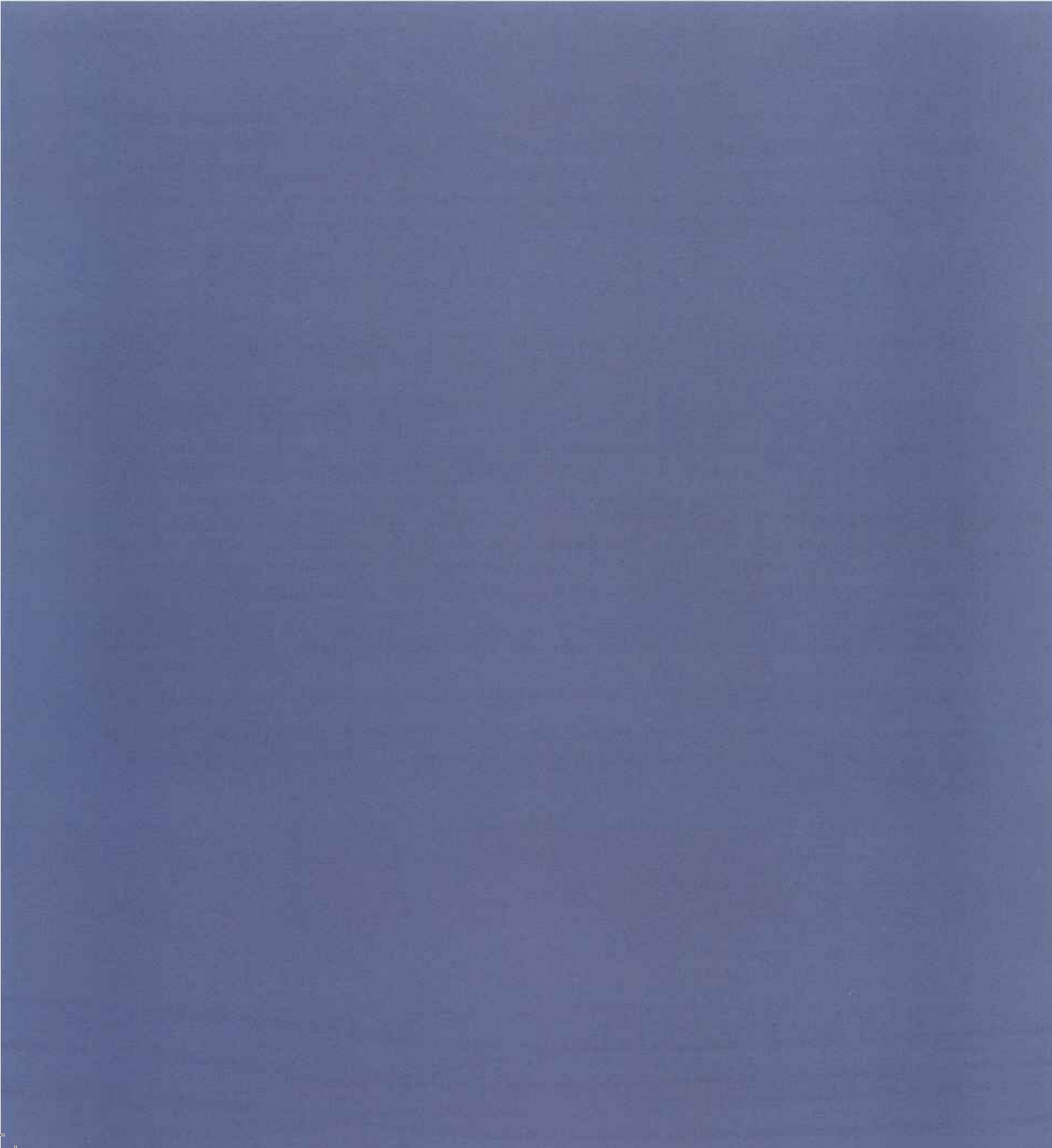
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Waterways Ireland contributed to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure Sectoral New Targeting Social Needs plan. The work focused on encouraging disadvantaged people to access the recreational opportunities of the waterways by providing facilities in areas identified as disadvantaged.



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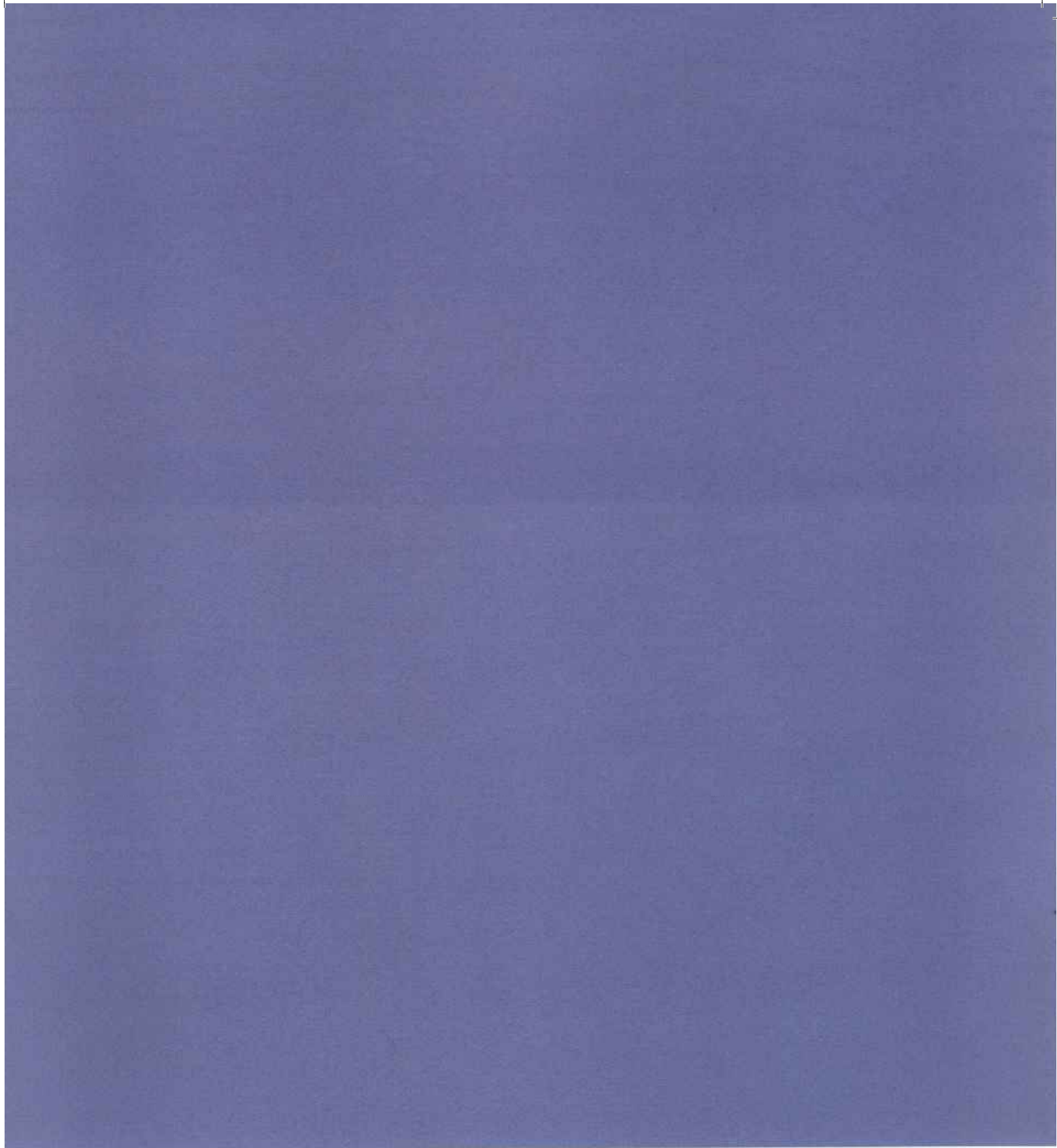
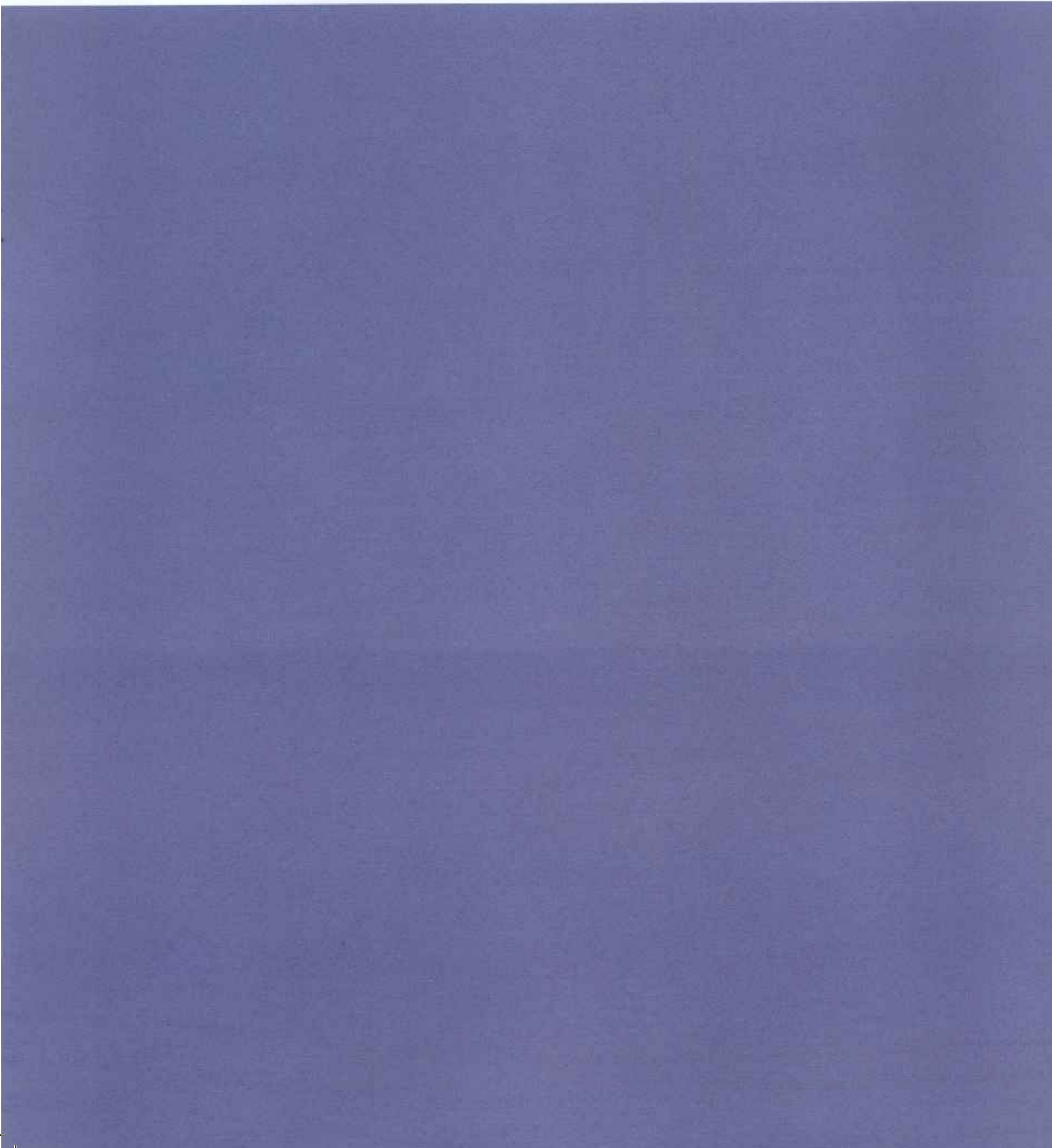
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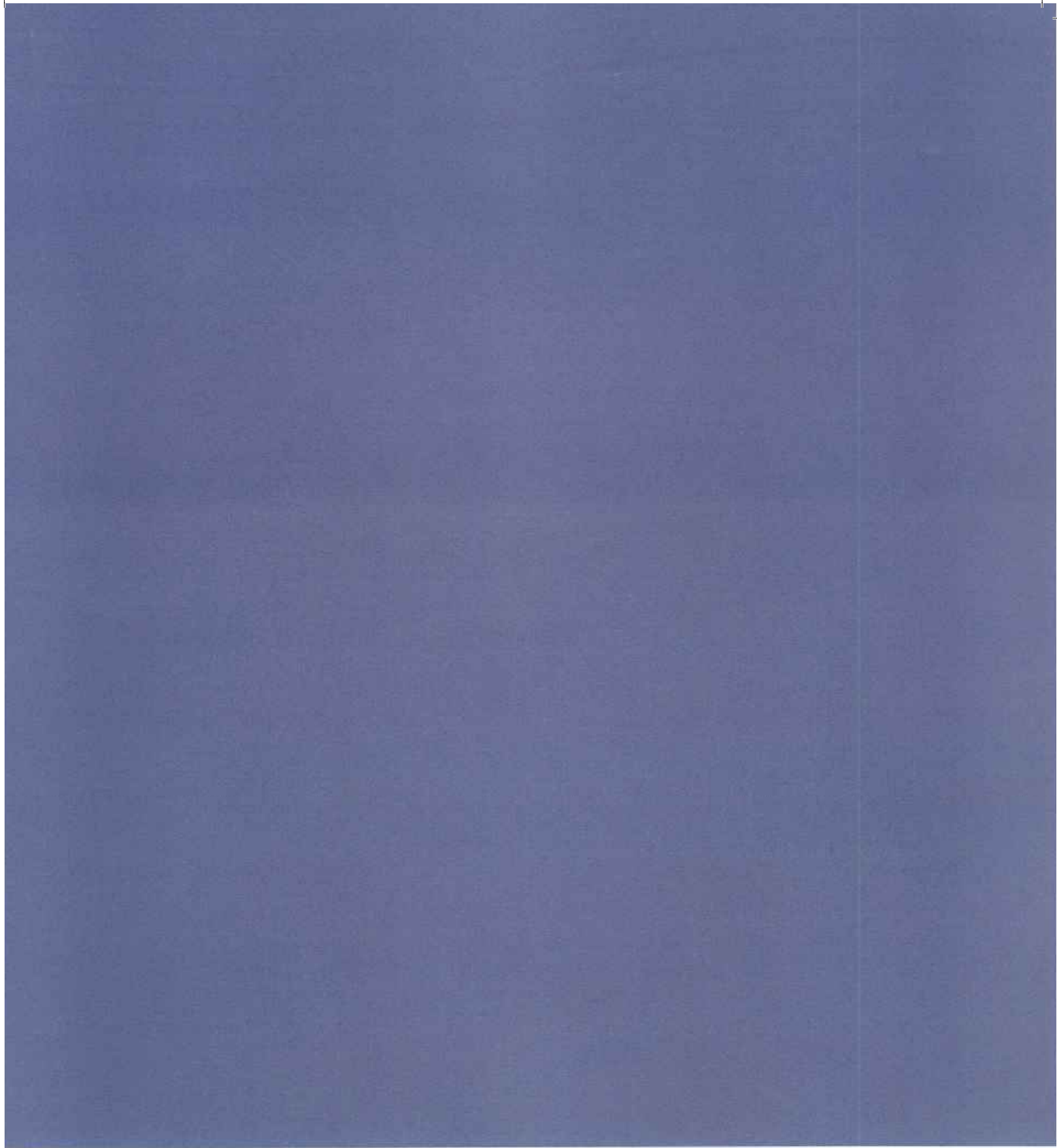
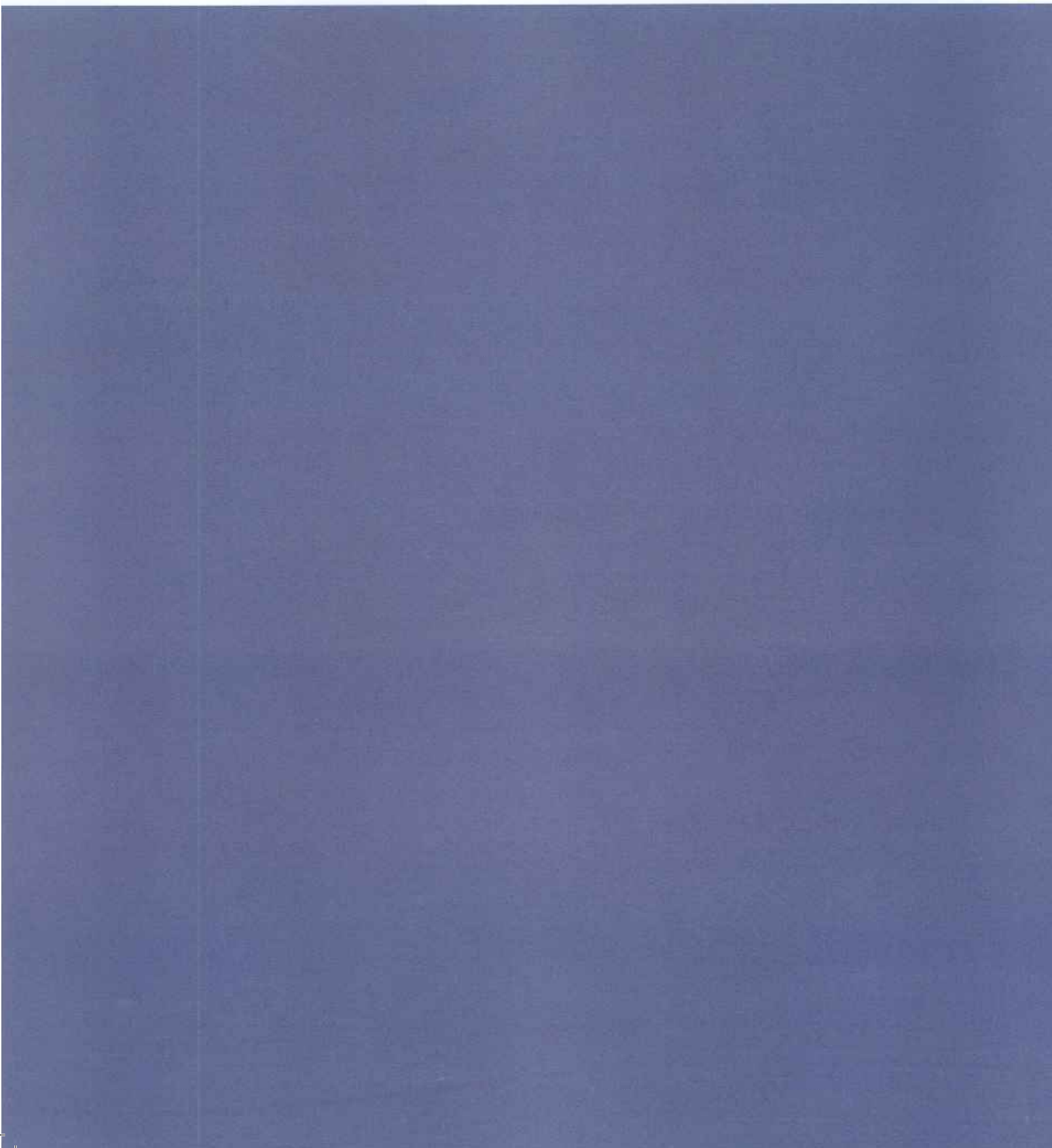


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We have audited the accounts on pages 48 to 68. Our audit has been carried out pursuant to the provisions of the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999 and the North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 which require us to audit and certify, in co-operation, the accounts presented to us by the Body.

Respective Responsibilities of the Chief Executive and the Auditors

The responsibilities of the Chief Executive, including those pertaining to the preparation of the accounts and the regularity of financial transactions are set out in the Statement of Responsibilities on page 43. It is our responsibility to audit the accounts. As a result of our audit we express an opinion on the accounts.

We review whether the statement on page 44 reflects the Body's compliance with applicable guidance on corporate governance and report any material instance where it does not do so, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information we are aware of from our audit of the accounts. We also report if, in our opinion, the Foreword to the Accounts is not consistent with the accounts.

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Opinion

In our opinion:

- Proper accounting records have been kept by the Body and the accounts, which are in agreement with them, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Body at 31st December 2004 and of its transactions, total recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounts direction issued under governing legislation;
- In all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied for the purposes intended by Dáil Éireann and the Westminster Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.



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Opinion

In our opinion:

- Proper accounting records have been kept by the Body and the accounts, which are in agreement with them, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Body at 31st December 2004 and of its transactions, total recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounts direction issued under governing legislation;
- In all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied for the purposes intended by Dáil Éireann and the Westminster Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.



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Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31st December 2004

	Notes	€ 2004	STG€ 2004	€ 2003	STG€ 2003
Income					
Revenue Funding from Departments	2	24,299,717	16,486,680	20,776,446	14,368,220
Release from Capital Grant Reserve	13	3,946,469	2,677,569	3,772,037	2,608,601
Other Operating Income	3	406,764	275,978	628,715	434,796
Total Income		28,652,950	19,440,227	25,177,198	17,411,617
Expenditure					
Staff Costs	4	13,538,446	9,185,458	12,474,268	8,626,741
Programme Costs	5	4,672,686	3,170,288	5,369,049	3,713,036
Other Operating Costs	6	5,536,480	3,756,346	5,339,091	3,692,317
Currency Gains		9,543	6,475	(103,317)	(71,450)
Depreciation	7	3,946,469	2,677,569	3,772,037	2,608,601
Total Expenditure		27,703,624	18,796,136	26,851,128	18,569,245
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		949,326	644,091	(1,673,930)	(1,157,628)
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets		-	-	99,460	68,783
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year transferred to Revenue Reserve	12	949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2004

	Notes	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	7.1	12,127,367	8,584,531	9,508,173	6,697,310
Operational and Non Operational Heritage Assets	7.2	648,207,023	458,842,658	645,379,000	454,588,294
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	8	1,006,646	712,569	884,472	623,000
Stocks	9	765,526	541,889	716,693	504,819
Debtors and Prepayments	10	565,789	400,503	485,399	341,903
		2,337,961	1,654,961	2,086,564	1,469,722
Current Liabilities					
Creditors - amounts due within one year	11	2,345,625	1,660,385	3,329,245	2,345,034
Creditors - amounts due after one year	11	285,691	202,230	-	-
Net Current Assets/ (Current Liabilities)		(293,355)	(207,654)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		660,041,035	467,219,535	653,644,492	460,410,292
Financed by:					
Capital and Reserves					
Revenue Reserve	12	(293,355)	(207,656)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)
Capital Grant Reserve	13	660,334,390	467,427,191	654,887,173	461,285,604
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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31st December 2004

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Net Cash inflow from operating activities	14.1	122,174	82,892	181,543	125,548
Capital expenditure and financial investment					
Receipt from sale of fixed assets	12	-	-	357,521	247,248
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	7	(9,393,686)	(6,373,353)	(5,473,858)	(3,785,517)
Net Cash outflow before financing		(9,271,512)	(6,290,461)	(4,934,794)	(3,412,721)
Financing					
Capital Funding received	13	9,393,686	6,373,354	5,473,858	3,785,517
Difference on currency translation		-	6,677	-	25,064
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Income includes those grants receivable from DCRGA and DCAL which were applied for activities in the current period.

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Expenditure relates to the operational activities of Waterways Ireland and is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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Pending determination of title and value, some non operational land and buildings have not been valued in 2004. However, assets with a net book value of €16,500,000, (STG£11,679,762) have been included. A process is in progress to complete all outstanding valuations.

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2.1 Financial Year 1st January 2004 - 31st December 2004

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Funding taken to Income	20,723,265	14,060,157	3,576,452	2,426,523	24,299,717	16,486,680
Funding Capitalised	13 7,817,229	5,303,772	1,576,457	1,069,582	9,393,686	6,373,354
	<u>28,540,494</u>	<u>19,363,929</u>	<u>5,152,909</u>	<u>3,496,105</u>	<u>33,693,403</u>	<u>22,860,034</u>

2.2 Financial Year 1st January 2003 - 31st December 2003

Note	DCRGA €	DCRGA STG£	DCAL €	DCAL STG£	Total €	Total STG£
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Funding Capitalised	4,509,247	3,118,428	964,611	667,089	5,473,858	3,785,517
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3. Other Operating Income

	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Licences	1,648	1,118	12,219	8,450
Property Related Income	38,969	26,439	195,658	135,310
Operating Income	235,704	159,919	244,585	169,146
Interest Receivable	11,986	8,132	9,556	6,609
Other Income	118,457	80,370	166,697	115,281
Total	406,764	275,978	628,715	434,796

4. Staff Costs

	2004	2003
4.1 The average weekly number of employees (full time equivalent) was as follows:		
Category of Employment:		
Administration	106	89
Operations	229	234

4.2 The cost incurred in respect of these employees were:

	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Staff Costs	13,135,892	8,912,336	11,844,082	8,190,928
Employers NIC/PRSI	1,295,638	879,054	1,095,041	757,290
Seconded Staff - Northern	111,973	75,971	146,483	101,302
Seconded Staff - Southern	-	-	-	-
Total	14,543,503	9,867,361	13,085,606	9,049,520
Less Staff Costs included in WIP	(1,005,057)	(681,903)	(611,338)	(422,779)
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€	STG £	2004	2003
€58,000 - €65,000	£39,353 - £44,102	6	8
€65,001 - €72,000	£44,103 - £48,852	5	2
€72,001 - €80,000	£48,853 - £54,280	5	5
€80,001 - €87,000	£54,281 - £59,030	1	1
€87,001 - €94,000	£59,031 - £63,779	-	-
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€80,001 - €87,000	£54,281 - £59,030	1	1
€87,001 - €94,000	£59,031 - £63,779	-	-
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	€	€	STGE	STGE
Contracted in Services	1,320,260	1,158,156	895,760	800,938
Civil Construction Materials	1,241,201	1,423,559	842,120	984,481
Plant Hire	768,898	1,259,430	521,676	870,975
Supply Contract Costs	665,600	651,754	451,591	450,729
Mechanical Spares and Equipment	542,432	390,841	368,025	270,291
Rivers Agency Charges	5,896	125,646	4,000	86,892
Fuel & Light	116,430	156,107	78,995	107,958
Miscellaneous	11,969	203,556	8,121	140,772
Total	4,672,686	5,369,049	3,170,288	3,713,036
Analysis of Programme Costs by Project				
Shannon Navigation	654,382	859,850	443,980	594,640
Royal Canal	1,314,861	1,838,204	892,096	1,271,233
Grand Canal	1,571,656	1,149,698	1,066,325	795,088
General Canal Expenditure	56,308	205,183	38,203	141,897
Barrow Navigation	358,708	428,268	243,373	296,174
Erne System and Lower Bann	230,569	353,696	156,435	244,603
Shannon Erne Waterway	486,202	369,401	329,876	369,401
Total	4,672,686	5,369,049	3,170,288	3,713,036

5. Programme Costs

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5. Programme Costs

	2004	2003	2004	2003
	€	€	STGE	STGE
Contracted in Services	1,320,260	1,158,156	895,760	800,938
Civil Construction Materials	1,241,201	1,423,559	842,120	984,481
Plant Hire	768,898	1,259,430	521,676	870,975
Supply Contract Costs	665,600	651,754	451,591	450,729
Mechanical Spares and Equipment	542,432	390,841	368,025	270,291
Rivers Agency Charges	5,896	125,646	4,000	86,892
Fuel & Light	116,430	156,107	78,995	107,958
Miscellaneous	11,969	203,556	8,121	140,772
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6. Other Operation Costs

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Travel	1,064,195	722,027	951,653	658,128
Recruitment Costs	110,289	74,828	119,492	82,636
Contracted in Services	903,599	613,067	1,255,831	868,486
Compensation	149,812	101,643	43,642	30,181
Premises Running Costs (including Utilities)	339,779	230,530	380,104	262,866
Health and Safety	110,332	74,857	234,546	162,203
Communications	344,868	233,983	466,566	322,660
Computer Running Costs	187,395	127,142	257,658	178,187
Rent	498,855	338,459	472,264	326,600
Audit Fee	34,506	23,411	32,303	22,340
Marketing and Promotions	422,502	286,656	264,731	183,078
Insurance and Legal Fees	213,112	144,591	324,159	224,176
General Expenditure	1,157,236	785,152	536,142	370,776
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6. Other Operation Costs

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	Work in Progress	Plant & Machinery	Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
Cost or Valuation						
At 1st January 2004	2,849,012	7,607,661	3,537,043	2,075,925	100,581	16,333,566
Additions	4,874,495	987,184	361,927	359,988	100,581	6,684,175
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2004	5,531,578	8,594,845	3,898,970	2,435,913	-	20,825,812
Capitalised to Operational Heritage	(2,191,929)	-	-	-	-	(2,191,929)
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2004	5,531,578	8,594,845	3,898,970	2,435,913	-	20,825,812
Depreciation						
At 1st January 2004	-	3,108,043	2,746,676	900,034	70,640	6,825,393
Provision for the year	-	726,164	657,800	452,638	36,450	1,873,052
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2004	-	3,834,207	3,404,476	1,352,672	107,090	8,698,445
Net Book Value €						
At 31st December 2004	5,531,578	4,760,638	494,494	1,083,241	257,416	12,127,367
At 31st December 2003	2,849,012	4,499,618	790,367	1,175,891	193,285	9,508,173
Net Book Value STG£						
At 31st December 2004	3,915,607	3,369,886	350,034	766,788	182,216	8,584,531
At 31st December 2003	2,006,770	3,169,415	556,713	828,267	136,145	6,697,310

7.1 Fixed Assets

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7.2 Fixed Assets - Operational and Non Operational Heritage Assets

	Operational Heritage Assets € 2004	Non-Operational Heritage Assets € 2004	Total € 2004
Cost or Valuation			
At 1st January 2004	1,038,522,000	16,500,000	1,055,022,000
Additions	2,709,511	-	2,709,511
Capitalised to Operational Heritage	2,191,929	-	2,191,929
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st December 2004	1,043,423,440	16,500,000	1,059,923,440
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2004	409,643,000	-	409,643,000
Provision for the year	2,073,417	-	2,073,417
At 31st December 2004	411,716,417	-	411,716,417
Net Book Value €			
At 31st December 2004	631,707,023	16,500,000	648,207,023
At 31st December 2003	628,879,000	16,500,000	645,379,000
Net Book Value STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£
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	€	STG£	2004	2003
Hardware	397,454	281,344	295,992	208,489
Timber	67,825	48,011	132,485	93,319
Fuel & Lubricants	36,065	25,529	42,269	29,773
Protective Clothing	114,967	81,381	102,006	71,850
Spare Parts & Filters	99,738	70,601	104,371	73,516
Smart Cards	15,637	11,069	15,400	10,847
Miscellaneous	33,840	23,954	24,170	17,025
Total	765,526	541,889	716,693	504,819

9. Stocks

	€	STG£	2004	2003
Sterling Bank Account	28,457	20,144	1,388	978
Sterling Bank Pension Account	8,943	6,330	5,655	3,983
Euro Bank Account	13,300	9,415	3,531	2,487
Euro Bank Pension Account	111,803	79,142	42,019	29,597
Euro Bank Reserve Account	842,176	596,146	830,190	584,765
Petty Cash	1,967	1,392	1,689	1,190
Total	1,006,646	712,569	884,472	623,000

8. Cash at Bank and in hand

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10. Debtors and Prepayments

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade Debtors	7,944	5,623	9,549	6,726
Other Debtors	216,028	152,919	178,425	125,678
Grants Receivable	155,806	110,290	167,128	117,721
Prepayments	186,011	131,671	130,297	91,778
Total	565,789	400,503	485,399	341,903

11. Creditors and Accruals

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade Creditors	183,861	130,149	743,021	523,365
Other Creditors Reserve Account	152,542	107,979	438,233	308,680
Other Creditors Pension	120,746	85,472	47,674	33,580
Deferred Income	197,563	139,848	172,068	121,200
Accruals	1,690,913	1,196,937	1,928,249	1,358,209
	2,345,625	1,660,385	3,329,245	2,345,034
Amounts falling due after one year:				
Other Creditors Reserve Account	285,691	202,230	-	-
Total	2,631,316	1,862,615	3,329,245	2,345,034

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10. Debtors and Prepayments

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	€	STG£	2004	2003	Notes
At 1st January	654,887,173	461,285,604	653,185,352	425,749,482	
Capital Grants Received	9,393,686	6,373,354	5,473,858	3,785,517	2
Less: Amortisation of Capital Grants	(3,946,469)	(2,677,569)	(2,677,569)	(2,608,601)	
Difference on currency translation	-	2,445,802	-	34,359,206	
At 31st December	660,334,390	467,427,191	654,887,173	461,285,604	

13. Capital Grant Reserve

	€	STG£	2004	2003	Notes
At 1st January	(1,242,681)	(875,312)	(25,732)	(16,773)	
Surplus/(Deficit) in the year	949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)	
Plus: Sale of revalued asset	-	-	357,521	247,248	
Difference on currency translation	-	23,565	-	(16,942)	
At 31st December	(293,355)	(207,656)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)	

12. Revenue Reserve

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14. Notes to Cash Flow Statement

14.1 Reconciliation of result for the year to net cash inflow from operating activities:

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Result for the year	949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)
Adjustment for non-cash transactions:				
Depreciation	3,946,469	2,677,569	3,772,037	2,608,601
Amortisation of Capital Grants	(3,946,469)	(2,677,569)	(3,772,037)	(2,608,601)
Adjustments for movements in working capital:				
Decrease/(Increase) in stock	(48,833)	(33,132)	93,412	64,600
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(80,390)	(54,542)	(67,905)	(46,961)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(697,629)	(473,524)	1,730,506	1,196,755
Difference on currency translation	-	(1)	-	(1)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	122,174	82,892	181,543	125,548

14.2 Reconciliation of net cash inflow to movement in net debt:

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Cash in bank at 1st January	884,472	622,999	345,408	225,139
Net cash inflow	122,174	89,570	539,064	397,860
Cash in bank at 31st December	1,006,646	712,569	884,472	622,999

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15. Capital Commitments

Capital commitments at 31st December 2004 for which no provision has been made:

	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Contracted	4,563,000	3,229,985	3,534,000	2,489,258
Authorised but not contracted	19,302,000	13,663,198	20,715,000	14,591,111

16. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at 31st December 2004.

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ACCOUNTS DIRECTION

WATERWAYS IRELAND

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The annual accounts shall give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure and cash flows for the financial year, and the state of affairs as at the year end. Subject to this requirement, the Body shall prepare accounts for the financial period 2 December 1999 to 31 December 2000 and subsequent financial years in accordance with:

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Signed by authority of the

Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

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Dated 6/3/02

Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands

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Aguisín 1

Cuntais Bhliantúla don bhliain dár críoch 31 Nollaig 2004

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19. Idirbheartaíochtaí Páirtithe Gaolmhara

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Ní dhearna duine ar bith den fhoireann eochair-bhainistíochta de chuid Uiscebhealaí Éireann aon idirbheartaíochtaí ábhartha le hUiscebhealaí Éireann le linn na bliana airgeadais 1 Eanáir 2004 - 31 Nollaig 2004.

20. Pinsean

Tháinig scéim pinsin Thuaidh/Theas i bhfeidhm ar an 29 Aibreán 2005 a sholáthróidh pinsin d'fhostaithe Uiscebhealaí Éireann. Déanfaidh riarthóir pinsin neamhspleách an pinsean a riaradh agus íocfaidh sé nó sí na pinsin agus na suimeanna a ghabhann leo leis na faighteoirí. Tá críoch á chur leis na socrúithe.

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Tíolactar pleananna gníomhaíochta bliantúla don Chomhairle Aireachta Thuaidh/Theas agus ceadaítear iad.

18. Feidhmiú i Gcomórtas Le Príomhspríocanna Airgeadais

Ghlac Uiscebhealaí Éireann le freagracht as Shannon-Erne Waterways Promotions Limited ó 2 Nollaig 1999. Corpraíodh an chuideachta ar 30 Bealtaine 1994 mar chuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta agus gan scairchaipiteal. Ba é treoir na cuideachta ná margaíocht a dhéanamh ar bhealach Uiscebhealaigh na Sionainne-na hÉirne agus ar Uiscebhealaí na hÉireann mar cheann scríbe turasóireachta ina gceart féin le cabhair airgeadais ó Co-operation Ireland, IFI, Bord Fáilte agus Bord Turasóireachta Thuaisceart Éireann. Ghlac Uiscebhealaí Éireann seilbh go foirmiúil ar an gcuideachta ar 16 Meitheamh 2000. Taispeánann na cuntais neamhniúchta go 31 Nollaig 2002 nach bhfuil aon sócmhainní ná dliteanais ag an gcuideachta agus tá an oibríocht scortha. Rinneadh an chuideachta a dhíscaoileadh ar an 24 Meán Fómhair 2004 agus tugadh an trádmarc d'Uiscebhealaí Éireann.

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Ní raibh aon dliteanais theagmhasacha ann ag 31ú Nollaig 2004.

16. Dlíteanais Theagmhasacha

	2004	2003	2004	2003
	€	STG£	€	STG£
Údaraithe ach gan a bheith conraithe	19,302,000	13,663,198	20,715,000	14,591,111
Conraithe	4,563,000	3,229,985	3,534,000	2,489,258

Tiomantais Chaipitil amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2004 nach bhfuil aon soláthar déanta dóibh:

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14. Nótaí don Ráiteas Sreabhadh Airgid

14.1 Réiteach idir an toradh don bhliain agus an glan-insreabhadh airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Toradh don bhliain	949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)
Coigeartuithe d'idirbheartaíochtaí neamh-airgid:				
Dímheas	3,946,469	2,677,569	3,772,037	2,608,601
Amúchadh ar Dheontais Chaipitil	(3,946,469)	(2,677,569)	(3,772,037)	(2,608,601)
Coigeartuithe do ghluaiseachtaí i gcaipiteal oibre:				
Laghdú/(Méadú) i stoic	(48,833)	(33,132)	93,412	64,600
Laghdú/(Méadú) i bhféichiúnaithe	(80,390)	(54,542)	(67,905)	(46,961)
(Laghdú)/(Méadú) i gCreidiúnaithe	(697,629)	(473,524)	1,730,506	1,196,755
Difríocht ar aistriú airgeadra	-	(1)	-	(1)
Glan-insreabhadh airgid isteach ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin	122,174	82,892	181,543	125,548

14.2 Réiteach idir ghlan-insreabhadh airgid agus gluaiseacht i nglanfhiacha.

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Airgead sa bhanc amháin an 1ú Eanáir	884,472	622,999	345,408	225,139
Glan-insreabhadh airgid	122,174	89,570	539,064	397,860
Airgead sa bhanc amháin an 31ú Nollaig	1,006,646	712,569	884,472	622,999

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	Notá	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Amhail 1ú Eanáir		654,887,173	461,285,604	653,185,352	425,749,482
Luacháil		-	-	-	-
Deontais Chaipitil Faighte	2	9,393,686	6,373,354	5,473,858	3,785,517
Lúide: Amúchadh ar Dheontais Chaipitil		(3,946,469)	(2,677,569)	(3,772,037)	(2,608,601)
Difríocht ar aistriú airgeadra		-	2,445,802	-	34,359,206
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig		660,334,390	467,427,191	654,887,173	461,285,604

13. Cúlchiste Deontais Chaipitil

	Notá	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Amhail an 1ú Eanáir		(1,242,681)	(875,312)	(25,732)	(16,773)
Barrachas/(Easnamh) sa bhliain		949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)
Móide: Díol sócmhainní athluacháilte		-	-	-	357,521
Difríocht ar aistriú airgeadra		(293,355)	(207,656)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig		(293,355)	(207,656)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)

12. Cúlchiste Ioncaim

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Barrachas/(Easnamh) sa bhliain		949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)
Móide: Díol sócmhainní athluacháilte		-	-	357,521	247,248
Difríocht ar aistriú airgeadra		-	23,565	-	(16,942)
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig		(293,355)	(207,656)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)

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10. Féichiúnaithe agus Réamhíocaíochtaí

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Suímeanna dlíte laistigh d'aon bhliain amháin				
Féichiúnaithe Trádála	7,944	5,623	9,549	6,726
Féichiúnaithe Eile	216,028	152,919	178,425	125,678
Deontais Infhaighte	155,806	110,290	167,128	117,721
Réamhíocaíochtaí	186,011	131,671	130,297	91,778
Iomlán	565,789	400,503	485,399	341,903

11. Creidiúnaithe agus Méideanna faibhrithe

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Suímeanna Flite laistigh d'aon bhliain amháin:				
Creidiúnaithe Trádála	183,861	130,149	743,021	523,365
Cuntas Cúlchiste Creidiúnaithe Eile	152,542	107,979	438,233	308,680
Pinsín Creidiúnaithe Eile	120,746	85,472	47,674	33,580
Ioncam Iarchurtha	197,563	139,848	172,068	121,200
Méideanna faibhrithe	1,690,913	1,196,937	1,928,249	1,358,209
	2,345,625	1,660,385	3,329,245	2,345,034
Suímeanna Flite tar éis bliain amháin:				
Cuntas Cúlchiste Creidiúnaithe Eile	285,691	202,230	-	-
Iomlán	2,631,316	1,862,615	3,329,245	2,345,034

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	2004	2003		2004	2003
	€	€		STGE	STGE
Crua-earraí	397,454	281,344	295,992	208,489	93,319
Adhmad	67,825	48,011	132,485	93,319	29,773
Breosla & Bealadh	36,065	25,529	42,269	71,850	73,516
Éadach Cosanta	114,967	81,381	102,006	71,850	10,847
Páirteanna & Scagairí	99,738	70,601	104,371	73,516	17,025
Cártaí Cliste	15,637	11,069	15,400	10,847	10,847
Ilghéitheach	33,840	23,954	24,170	17,025	17,025
Iomlán	765,526	541,889	716,693	504,819	504,819

9. Stoic

	2004	2003		2004	2003
	€	€		STGE	STGE
Cuntas Bainc Sterling	28,457	1,388	978	978	978
Cuntas Bainc Pinsin Euro	111,803	42,019	29,597	29,597	29,597
Cuntas Bainc Pinsin Sterling	8,943	5,655	3,983	3,983	3,983
Cuntas Bainc Euro	13,300	3,531	2,487	2,487	2,487
Cuntas cúlchiste Bainc Euro	842,176	830,190	584,765	584,765	584,765
Mionairgead	1,967	1,689	1,190	1,190	1,190
Iomlán	1,006,646	884,472	623,000	623,000	623,000

8. Airgead sa Bhanc agus Airgead ar láimh

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8. Airgead sa Bhanc agus Airgead ar láimh

	2004	2004	2003	2003
	€	STGE	€	STGE
Cuntas Bainc Sterling	28,457	20,144	1,388	978
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Mionairgead	1,967	1,392	1,689	1,190
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7.2 Sócmhainní Doхта - Sócmhainní Oidhreachta Oibriúcháin agus Neamhoibriúcháin

	Sócmhainní Oidhreachta Oibriúcháin € 2004	Sócmhainní Oidhreachta Neamh- Oibriúcháin € 2004	Iomlán € 2004
Costas nó Luacháil			
Amhail an 1ú Eanáir 2004	1,038,522,000	16,500,000	1,055,022,000
Breiseanna	2,709,511	-	2,709,511
Caipitilithe chuig Oidhrecht Oibriúcháin	2,191,929	-	2,191,929
Diúscairtí	-	-	-
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2004	1,043,423,440	16,500,000	1,059,923,440
Dímheas			
Amhail an 1ú Eanáir 2004	409,643,000	-	409,643,000
Soláthar don bhliain	2,073,417	-	2,073,417
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2004	411,716,417	-	411,716,417
Glanluach de réir na Leabhar €			
Amhail an 1ú Nollaig 2004	631,707,023	16,500,000	648,207,023
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2003	628,879,000	16,500,000	645,379,000
Glanluach de réir na Leabhar STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£
Amhail 31ú Nollaig 2004	447,162,896	11,679,762	458,842,658
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2003	442,966,120	11,622,174	454,588,294

	Sócmhainní Oidhreachta Oibriúcháin € 2004	Sócmhainní Oidhreachta Neamh- Oibriúcháin € 2004	Iomlán € 2004
Costas nó Luacháil			
Amhail an 1ú Eanáir 2004	1,038,522,000	16,500,000	1,055,022,000
Breiseanna	2,709,511	-	2,709,511
Caipitilithe chuig Oidhrecht Oibriúcháin	2,191,929	-	2,191,929
Diúscairtí	-	-	-
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2004	1,043,423,440	16,500,000	1,059,923,440
Dímheas			
Amhail an 1ú Eanáir 2004	409,643,000	-	409,643,000
Soláthar don bhliain	2,073,417	-	2,073,417
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2004	411,716,417	-	411,716,417
Glanluach de réir na Leabhar €			
Amhail an 1ú Nollaig 2004	631,707,023	16,500,000	648,207,023
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2003	628,879,000	16,500,000	645,379,000
Glanluach de réir na Leabhar STG£	STG£	STG£	STG£
Amhail 31ú Nollaig 2004	447,162,896	11,679,762	458,842,658
Amhail an 31ú Nollaig 2003	442,966,120	11,622,174	454,588,294

7.2 Sócmhainní Doхта - Sócmhainní Oidhreachta Oibriúcháin agus Neamhoibriúcháin

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6. Costais Oibriúcháin Eile

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Taisteal	1,064,195	722,027	951,653	658,128
Costais Earcaíochta	110,289	74,828	119,492	82,636
Seirbhíse Conraithe Isteach	903,599	613,067	1,255,831	868,486
Cúiteamh	149,812	101,643	43,642	30,181
Costais Reatha Áitreabh, Fónais san áireamh	339,779	230,530	380,104	262,866
Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht	110,332	74,857	234,546	162,203
Cumarsáid	344,868	233,983	466,566	322,660
Costais Reatha Ríomhairí	187,395	127,142	257,658	178,187
Cíos	498,855	338,459	472,264	326,600
Táille Iniúcháireachta	34,506	23,411	32,303	22,340
Margaíocht agus Cur Chun Cinn	422,502	286,656	264,731	183,078
Árachas agus Táillí Dí	213,112	144,591	324,159	224,176
Caiteachas Ginearálta	1,157,236	785,152	536,142	370,776
Iomlán	5,536,480	3,756,346	5,339,091	3,692,317

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	2004	2004	2003	2003
Seirbhísí Conraithe isteach	1,320,260	895,760	1,158,156	800,938
Abhair Thógála Shibhialta	1,241,201	842,120	1,423,559	984,481
Fruiliú Gléasra	768,898	521,676	1,259,430	870,975
Costais Chonartha Soláthair	665,600	451,591	651,754	450,729
Páirteanna agus Trealalmh Meicniúil	542,432	368,025	390,841	270,291
Táillí Gníomhaireachta Abhann	5,896	4,000	125,646	86,892
Breosla agus Solas	116,430	78,995	156,107	107,958
Ilghnéitheach	11,969	8,121	203,556	140,772
lomlán	4,672,686	3,170,288	5,369,049	3,713,036
Anailís ar Chostais Chláir de réir Tionscadail				
Loingseoireacht na Sionainne	654,382	443,980	859,850	594,640
An Chanáil Ríoga	1,314,861	892,096	1,838,204	1,271,233
An Chanáil Mhór	1,571,656	1,066,325	1,149,698	795,088
Caiteachas Ginearálta Canála	56,308	38,203	205,183	141,897
Loingseoireacht na Bearú	358,708	243,373	428,268	296,174
Córas Éirne agus Banna Íochtair	230,569	156,435	353,696	244,603
Uiscebhealach na Sionainne-na hÉirne	486,202	329,876	534,150	369,401
lomlán	4,672,686	3,170,288	5,369,049	3,713,036

5. Costais Chláir

Cuntais Bhliantúla don bhliain dár críoch 31 Nollaig 2004

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4.3 Líon na bhfostaithe ag deireadh na bliana a raibh a gcuid díolachtaí (rannfocáíochtaí pinsin san aireamh) laistigh de na bandaí seo a leanas:

€	STG £	2004	2003
€58,000 - €65,000	£39,353 - £44,102	6	8
€65,001 - €72,000	£44,103 - £48,852	5	2
€72,001 - €80,000	£48,853 - £54,280	5	5
€80,001 - €87,000	£54,281 - £59,030	1	1
€87,001 - €94,000	£59,031 - £63,779	-	-
€94,001 - €101,000	£63,780 - £68,528	1	1
€101,001 - €116,000	£68,529 - £78,706	1	1

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Níor íocadh aon bhónas a bhain le feidhmíocht.

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Costais Foirne	2004	2003	Costais Foirne	2004	2003
€	STG£	€	STG£	€	STG£
13,135,892	8,912,336	11,844,082	8,190,928	11,844,082	8,190,928
1,295,638	879,054	1,095,041	757,290	1,095,041	757,290
111,973	75,971	146,483	101,302	146,483	101,302
14,543,503	9,867,361	13,085,606	9,049,520	13,085,606	9,049,520
(1,005,057)	(681,903)	(611,338)	(422,779)	(611,338)	(422,779)
13,538,446	9,185,458	12,474,268	8,626,741	12,474,268	8,626,741

Lúide Costais Foirne san áireamh i WIP

Foireann ar lasacht - Tuaisceart

NIC/PCAS

Costais Foirne

4.2 Ba iad na costais a tabhaíodh i leith na bhfostaithe seo ná:

2004	2003	2004	2003
€	STG£	€	STG£
335	323	335	323
106	89	106	89
229	234	229	234

4.1 Ba é meánlíon seachtainiúil na bhfostaithe (coibhéis lánaimseartha) a íocadh ná:

4. Costais Foirne

2004	2003	2004	2003
€	STG£	€	STG£
1,648	8,450	1,648	8,450
38,969	195,658	38,969	195,658
235,704	169,146	235,704	169,146
11,986	6,609	11,986	6,609
118,457	115,281	118,457	115,281
406,764	434,796	406,764	434,796

3. Ioncam Oibriúcháin Eile

Ioncam a bhaineann le Maoin

Ioncam Oibriúcháin

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3. Ioncam Oibriúcháin Eile

	€ 2004	STG£ 2004	€ 2003	STG£ 2003
Ceadúnais	1,648	1,118	12,219	8,450
Ioncam a bhaineann le Maoin	38,969	26,439	195,658	135,310
Ioncam Oibriúcháin	235,704	159,919	244,585	169,146
Ús Infhaighte	11,986	8,132	9,556	6,609
Ioncam Eile	118,457	80,370	166,697	115,281
Ionclán	406,764	275,978	628,715	434,796

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	2004	2003
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2. Maoiniú ó na Rannaf

2.1 An Bhliain Airgeadais 1 Eanáir 2004 - 31 Nollag 2004

Nóta	RGPTG €	RGPTGD STG€	RCEF €	RCEF STG€	lomlán €	lomlán STG€
Maoiniú Tógtha chuig loncaim	20,723,265	14,060,157	3,576,452	2,426,523	24,299,717	16,486,680
Maoiniú Caipitilthe	13 7,817,229	5,303,772	1,576,457	1,069,582	9,393,686	6,373,354
	<u>28,540,494</u>	<u>19,363,929</u>	<u>5,152,909</u>	<u>3,496,105</u>	<u>33,693,403</u>	<u>22,860,034</u>

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	RGPTG €	RGPTG STG€	RCEF €	RCEF STG€	lomlán €	lomlán STG€
Maoiniú Tugtha chuig loncaim	17,826,245	12,327,970	2,950,201	2,040,250	20,776,446	14,368,220
Maoiniú Caipitilthe	4,509,247	3,118,428	964,611	667,089	5,473,858	3,785,517
	<u>22,335,492</u>	<u>15,446,398</u>	<u>3,914,812</u>	<u>2,707,339</u>	<u>26,250,304</u>	<u>18,153,737</u>

Léiríonn an tábla seo an tslí a feidhmíodh na cistí sna cuntais. Tá sé sin bunaithe ar phrionsabail chuntasaíochta. Íocadh deontais leis an gComhlacht as airgead a votáil Parlaimint Westminster agus Dáil Éireann. Mhol an CATT, le faomhadh na nAirí Airgeadais, go scoilfí na deontais ar bhonn 85:15 le haghaidh obair reatha - RGPTG (85) and RCEF (15). Maoineofar oibreacha caipitil de 100% sa dlínse ina mbeidh siad ar siúl. Tá an sainmhíniú maoinithe ar reatha agus caipiteal difriúil ó phrionsabail chuntasaíochta.

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1.7. Stoic

Tá Uiscebhealaí Éireann i mbun idirbheartaíochta faoi láthair leis na húdarais loncain maidir lenár stadás CBL. Tá CBL áirithe mar chaiteachas nó, nuair is cuí, tá sí caipitlithe i luach na sócmhainní dochta.

1.6. Cáin Bhreisluacha

I gcás gur scoir daoine den fhoireann ó Dheireadh Fómhair 2002 rinneadh focaíochtaí de €204,745 ar bhonn ex gratia leo.

Tá Grúpa Pinsin Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh na gComhlachtaí Trasteorann le cabhair ón Roinn Airgeadais, ón Roinn Airgeadais agus Pearsanra agus Roinn Achtúirí an Rialtais tar éis a bheith i mbun scéim pinsin nua a ullmhú go sainiúil le haghaidh Comhlachtaí Feidhmithe Thuaidh/Theas. Tháinig an scéim nua pinsin i bhfeidhm ar an 29 Aibreán 2005. Tá críoch á chur leis na socruithe maoinithe. Tá riarthóir neamhspleách ceaptha. D'fhan an fhoireann ainmnithe agus aistriithe ina mbaill dá gcuid scéimeanna pinsin faoi seach agus tá bliain amháin acu le cinneadh a dhéanamh faoi dhul isteach sa scéim nua.

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Dímheas

Is mar seo a leanas na modhanna dímheasa agus na rátaí in aghaidh na bliana a úsáideadh:

Catagóir Sócmhainne	Modh
Tochaltóirí & Báid	5% den chostas.
Gléasra & Innealra a ceannaíodh suas go 31 Nollaig 2000	20% den LLG ar 31 Nollaig 2001.
Gléasra & Innealra a ceannaíodh i ndiaidh 1 Eanáir 2001	10% den chostas in aghaidh na bliana.
Feithiclí a ceannaíodh go 31 Nollaig 2000	25% den LLG ar 31 Nollaig 2001.
Feithiclí a ceannaíodh i ndiaidh 1 Eanáir 2001	25% den chostas.
Trealamh agus bogearraí TF	20% den chostas.
Troscán agus Feistis	10% den chostas.
Báidíní Calaidh	20% den chostas.
Báirsí	2.5% den chostas.
Struchtúir Canála, Loic, Droichid agus Feistithe seasta	0.2% den chostas.
Feistithe ar snámh	4% den chostas.
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Is é polasaí Uiscebhealaí Éireann caipitliú a dhéanamh ar earraí a bhfuil saol eacnamaíoch úsáideach níos mó ná aon bhliain amháin acu agus luach de bhreis ar €1,000. Níl aon pholasaí ann maidir le lot sócmhainní docta.

Déantar gléasra agus innealra a aistríodh ón RGPTG an 2 Nollaig 1999 a dhímheas ar ghlanluach leabhair na sócmhainní sin amháil an 31 Nollaig 2001. Déantar trealamh ríomhaireachta agus feistis a aistríodh ón RGPTG a dhímheas ar chostas.

Coinnítear clár sócmhainní docta le go mbeidh taifead ar na sócmhainní go léir.

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1.4. Sócmhainní Docta

Cuntais Bhliantúla don bhliain dár críoch 31 Nollaig 2004

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Is é polasaí Uiscebhealaí Éireann caipitliú a dhéanamh ar earraí a bhfuil saol eacnamaíoch úsáideach níos mó ná aon bhliain amháin acu agus luach de bhreis ar €1,000. Níl aon pholasaí ann maidir le lot sócmhainní docta.

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I gcás go gcruthóir tionscadail, arna gcríochnú, sócmhainní nua nó athluacháil ar shócmhainn oidhreachta oibriúcháin, tá na costais tionscadail ghaolmhara curtha faoi obair idir lámha i gcuntais 2004.

Ar feitheamh ar chinneadh maidir le teideal agus luach, níor luacháladh roinnt talún agus foirgneamh neamhoibriúcháin i 2004, mar sin féin cuireadh sócmhainní le glanluach de réir na leabhar de €16,500,000, (Stg£11,679,762) san áireamh. Tá próiseas ar siúl chun na luachálacha atá amuigh a thabhairt chun críche.

Nótaí leis na Cuntais don tréimhse dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig 2004

1. Polasaithe Cuntasáíochta

1.1. Comhghnás Cuntasáíochta

Ullmhaíodh na cuntais de réir chomhghnás an chostais bhunaidh.

Gan teorainn a chur leis an bhfaisnéis a thugtar, ullmhaíodh na cuntais ar bhonn méideanna faibhrithe agus cloíonn siad le riachtanais chuntasáíochta agus nochtaithe Ordú na gCuideachtaí (Tuaisceart Éireann) 1986, Achtanna na gCuideachtaí de chuid Phoblacht na hÉireann 1963 go 2003, na caighdeáin chuntasáíochta a d'eisigh nó ar ghlac Bord na gCaighdeán Cuntasáíochta leo agus na riachtanais chuntasáíochta agus nochtaithe a d'eisigh an Roinn Airgeadais agus an Roinn Airgeadais agus Pearsanra.

1.2. Ioncam

Áirítear mar ioncam na deontais atá infhaighte ón RGPTG agus ón RCEF a cuireadh i bhfeidhm le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí sa tréimhse reatha.

Cuimsíonn ioncam eile Oibriúcháin go mór mór ioncam ceadúnais agus ioncam loingseoireachta eile a ghin Uiscebhealaí Éireann. Áirítear freisin ioncam ó cheadúnais a eisíodh, cíosanna ar mhaoin agus aisiocaíochtaí leasa shóisialaigh.

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Baineann caiteachas le gníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin Uiscebhealaí Éireann agus mínítear é ar bhonn méideanna faibhrithe.

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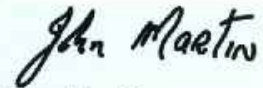
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Clár Comhardaithe amhail an 31 Nollaig 2004

	Nótaí	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Sócmhainní Dochta					
Socmhainní Inláimhsithe	7.1	12,127,367	8,584,531	9,508,173	6,697,310
Socmhainní Oidhreachta					
Oibriúcháin agus Neamhoibriúcháin	7.2	648,207,023	458,842,658	645,379,000	454,588,294
Sócmhainní Reatha					
Airgead sa bhanc agus airgead ar láimh	8	1,006,646	712,569	884,472	623,000
Stoic	9	765,526	541,889	716,693	504,819
Féichiúnaithe agus Réamhíocaíochtaí	10	565,789	400,503	485,399	341,903
		2,337,961	1,654,961	2,086,564	1,469,722
Dlíteanais Reatha					
Creidiúnaithe - méideanna dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin	11	2,345,625	1,660,385	3,329,245	2,345,034
Creidiúnaithe - méideanna dlite tar éis bliain amháin	11	285,691	202,230	-	-
Glansócmhainní Reatha/ (Dlíteanais Reatha)		(293,355)	(207,654)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)
Sócmhainní Iomána Lúide					
Dlíteantais Reatha		660,041,035	467,219,535	653,644,492	460,410,292
Ama mhaoiniú ag:					
Caipiteal agus Cúlchistí					
Cúlchiste Ioncaim	12	(293,355)	(207,656)	(1,242,681)	(875,312)
Cúlchiste Deontais Chaipitil	13	660,334,390	467,427,191	654,887,173	461,285,604
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Don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollag 2004.

	Nótaí	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don bhliain airgeadais		949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)
Barrachas neamhréadaithe ar athluacháil Talún agus Foirgneamh		-	-	-	-
		<u>949,326</u>	<u>644,091</u>	<u>(1,574,470)</u>	<u>(1,088,845)</u>

Cuntais Bhliantúla don bhliain dár críoch 31 Nollaig 2004

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Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais

Don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollag 2004

	Nótaí	€ 2004	STGE 2004	€ 2003	STGE 2003
Ioncam					
Maoiniú Ioncaim ó na Ranna	2	24,299,717	16,486,680	20,776,446	14,368,220
Scaoileadh ón gCúlchiste Deontais Chaipitiúil	13	3,946,469	2,677,569	3,772,037	2,608,601
Ioncam Oibriúcháin Eile	3	406,764	275,978	628,715	434,796
Ioncam Iomlán		28,652,950	19,440,227	25,177,198	17,411,617
Caiteachas					
Costais Foirne	4	13,538,446	9,185,458	12,474,268	8,626,741
Costais Cláir	5	4,672,686	3,170,288	5,369,049	3,713,036
Costais Oibriúcháin Eile	6	5,536,480	3,756,346	5,339,091	3,692,317
Gnóthachain Airgeadra		9,543	6,475	(103,317)	(71,450)
Dímheas	7	3,946,469	2,677,569	3,772,037	2,608,601
Caiteachas Iomlán		27,703,624	18,796,136	26,851,128	18,569,245
Barrachas/(Easnamh) Oibriúcháin don Bhliain		949,326	644,091	(1,673,930)	(1,157,628)
Brabús ar Dhiúscairt Sócmhainní Dochta		-	-	99,460	68,783
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don Bhliain aistrithe chuig an gCúlchiste Ioncaim	12	949,326	644,091	(1,574,470)	(1,088,845)

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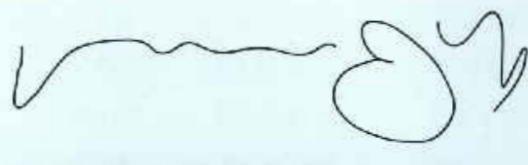
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Is é ár dtuairim:

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Cuntais Bhliantúla don bhliain dár críoch 31 Nollaig 2004

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Deimhniú an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste chuig Tithe an Oireachtais, chuig an House of Commons agus chuig Tionól Thuaisceart Éireann

Tá iniúchadh déanta againn ar na cuntais ar leathanaigh 48 go dtí 68. Rinneadh ár n-iniúchadh de bhun fhorálacha an Achta um Chomhaontú na Breataine-na hÉireann, 1999 agus an an Ordú um Chomhoibriú Thuaidh/Theas (Comhlachtaí Forfheidhmithe) (Tuaisceart Éireann), 1999 a cheanglaíonn orainn iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na cuntais a thíolacann an Comhlacht chugainn, agus na cuntais sin a dheimhniú i gcomhoibriú.

Freagrachtaí faoi Seach an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh agus na nIniúcháirí

Tá freagrachtaí an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh, lena n-áirítear na freagrachtaí sin a bhaineann le hullmhú cuntas agus rialtacht idirbheartaíochtaí airgeadais leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Freagrachtaí ar leathanach 43. Is é ár bhfreagracht iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na cuntais. Mar thoradh ar ár n-iniúchadh léirimid tuairim ar na cuntais.

Déanaimid athbhreithniú cibé an léiríonn an ráiteas ar leathanach a 44 go gcomhlíonann an Comhlacht an treoir infheidhme ar rialachas corparáideach agus tuairiscímid ar chásanna ábhartha i gcás nach ndéanann sé sin, nó má bhíonn an ráiteas míthreorach nó ar neamhréir le faisnéis eile is eol dúinn ónár n-iniúchadh ar na cuntais. Tuairiscímid freisin más rud é, inár dtuairim, nach bhfuil an Réamhrá do na Cuntais ag teacht leis na cuntais féin.

Bunús Thuairim an Iniúchta

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Tá iniúchadh déanta againn ar na cuntais ar leathanaigh 48 go dtí 68. Rinneadh ár n-iniúchadh de bhun fhorálacha an Achta um Chomhaontú na Breataine-na hÉireann, 1999 agus an an Ordú um Chomhoibriú Thuaidh/Theas (Comhlachtaí Forfheidhmithe) (Tuaisceart Éireann), 1999 a cheanglaíonn orainn iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na cuntais a thíolacann an Comhlacht chugainn, agus na cuntais sin a dheimhniú i gcomhoibriú.

Deimhniú an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste chuig Tithe an Oireachtais, chuig an House of Commons agus chuig Tionól Thuaisceart Éireann

Uiscebhealaí Éireann

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- Buailéann an fhoireann shinsearach bainistíochta le chéile gach coicíos le hathbhreithniú agus faireachán a dhéanamh ar dhul chun cinn ar phleananna gnó agus ar aon cheisteanna eile;
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- Feidhmiú modheolaíochta bríomhaire tosaíochta bunaithe ar rangú riosca;
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Ráiteas ar Fhreagrachtaí

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Ráiteas ar Fhreagrachtaí

Freagrachtaí Uiscebhealaí Éireann

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Tabhaíodh muirir úis de €1,207 sa bhliain agus tá siad curtha isteach le gnóthachain airgeadra.

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An tAirgeadra Tuairiscithe

Tá torthaí tuairiscithe i bpunt Sterling agus i Euro.

Sócmhainní Seasta

Tá sonraí ar ghluaiseachtaí na sócmhainní seasta leagtha amach i nóta a 7 atá leis na cuntais.

Thóg Uiscebhealaí Éireann punann sócmhainní ón RGPTG comhdhéanta go príomha de shócmhainní bonneagair ar nós uiscebhealaí, canáil, cosáin tarraingthe, tithe loic agus gnéithe loingseoireachta gaolmhara (loic, coraí, etc). Déileáiltear ar leithligh le sócmhainní móra insonraithe nó comhpháirteanna laistigh de chóras bonneagair nó i ngréasán le saolta teoranta inchinntithe agus laghdaítear a luach thar a saol úsáideach eacnamaíochta faoi threoír na Roinne Airgeadais agus na Roinne Airgeadais agus Pearsanra.

D'aistrigh an RCEF agus Gníomhaireacht na nAbhann roinnt talún agus foirgneamh i 2003. T á luacháil na n-acmhainní sin san áireamh sna cuntais. Tá luacháil déanta ar shócmhainní oidhreacht a oibríúcháin, talamh, struchtúir loingseoireachta agus obair atá ag idir lámha mar chuid dóibh. Nuair a bhí teideal agus luach deimhnithe, rinneadh luacháil ar thalamh agus ar fhoirgnimh de chineál neamhoibríoch sna cuntais. Féach Nóta 1.4.

Taighde agus Forbairt

Níor ghlac Uiscebhealaí Éireann páirt in aon ghníomhaíochtaí taighde ná forbartha le linn na tréimhse airgeadais.

Forbairtí Amach Anseo

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Forbairtí Amach Anseo

Níor ghlac Uiscebhealaí Éireann páirt in aon ghníomhaíochtaí taighde ná forbartha le linn na tréimhse airgeadais.

Taighde agus Forbairt

Thóg Uiscebhealaí Éireann punann sócmhainní ón RGPTG comhdhéanta go príomha de shócmhainní bonneagair ar nós uiscebhealaí, canáil, cosáin tarraingthe, tithe loic agus gnéithe loingseoireachta gaolmhara (loic, coraí, etc). Déileáiltear ar leithligh le sócmhainní móra insonraithe nó comhpháirteanna laistigh de chóras bonneagair nó i ngréasán le saolta teoranta inchinntithe agus laghdaítear a luach thar a saol úsáideach eacnamaíochta faoi threoír na Roinne Airgeadais agus na Roinne Airgeadais agus Pearsanra.

D'aistrigh an RCEF agus Gníomhaireacht na nAbhann roinnt talún agus foirgneamh i 2003. T á luacháil na n-acmhainní sin san áireamh sna cuntais. Tá luacháil déanta ar shócmhainní oidhreacht a oibríúcháin, talamh, struchtúir loingseoireachta agus obair atá ag idir lámha mar chuid dóibh. Nuair a bhí teideal agus luach deimhnithe, rinneadh luacháil ar thalamh agus ar fhoirgnimh de chineál neamhoibríoch sna cuntais. Féach Nóta 1.4.

Sócmhainní Seasta

Tá torthaí tuairiscithe i bpunt Sterling agus i Euro.

An tAirgeadra Tuairiscithe

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Torthaí don Tréimhse

Tá athbhreithniú iomlán ar ghníomhaíochtaí Uiscebhealaí Éireann tugtha sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil.

Athbhreithniú Gnó

- Socruithe airgeadais Chuid 7 larscribhinn 2 de Chomhaontú na Breataine-na hÉireann a chur na Comhlachtaí Forfheidhmithe ar bun;
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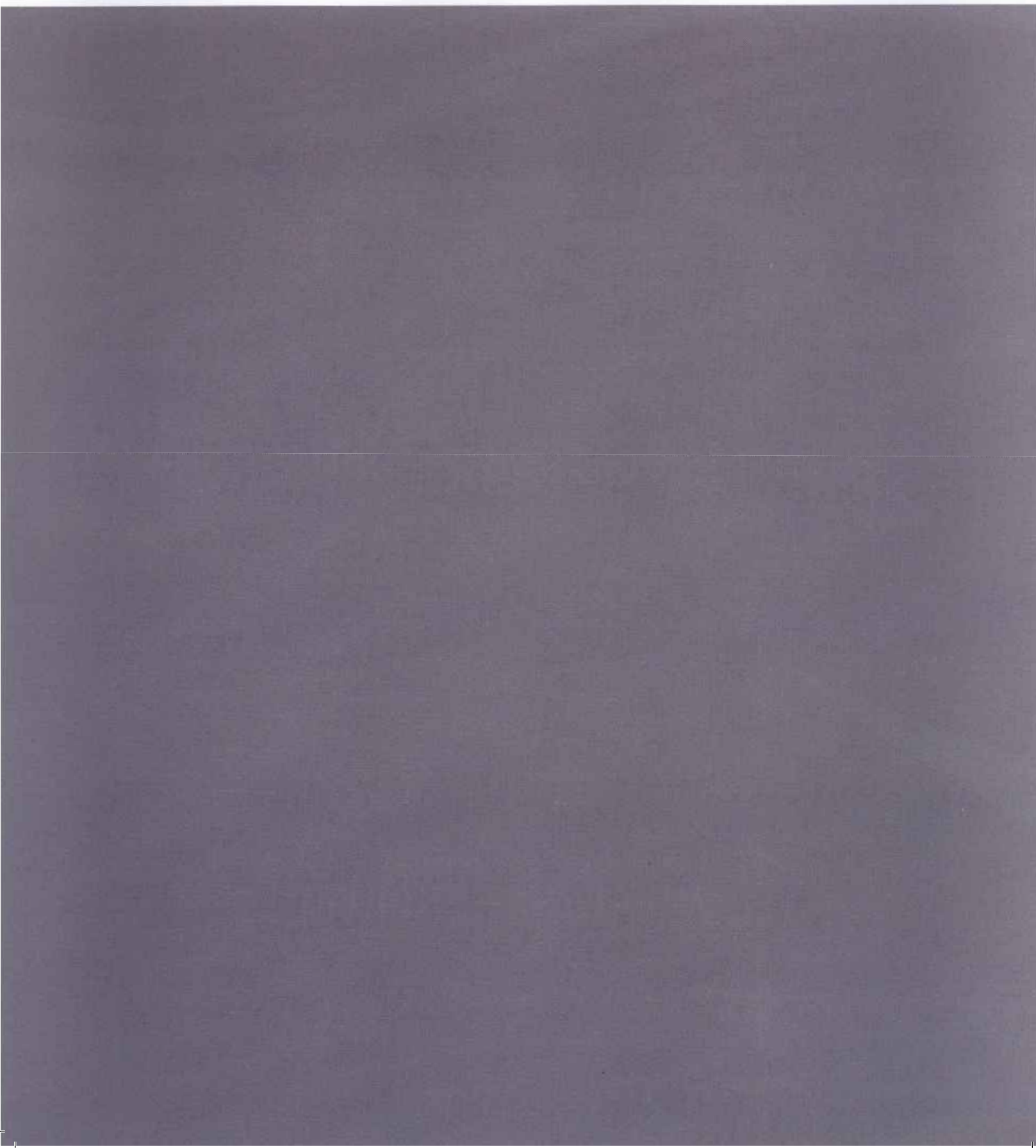
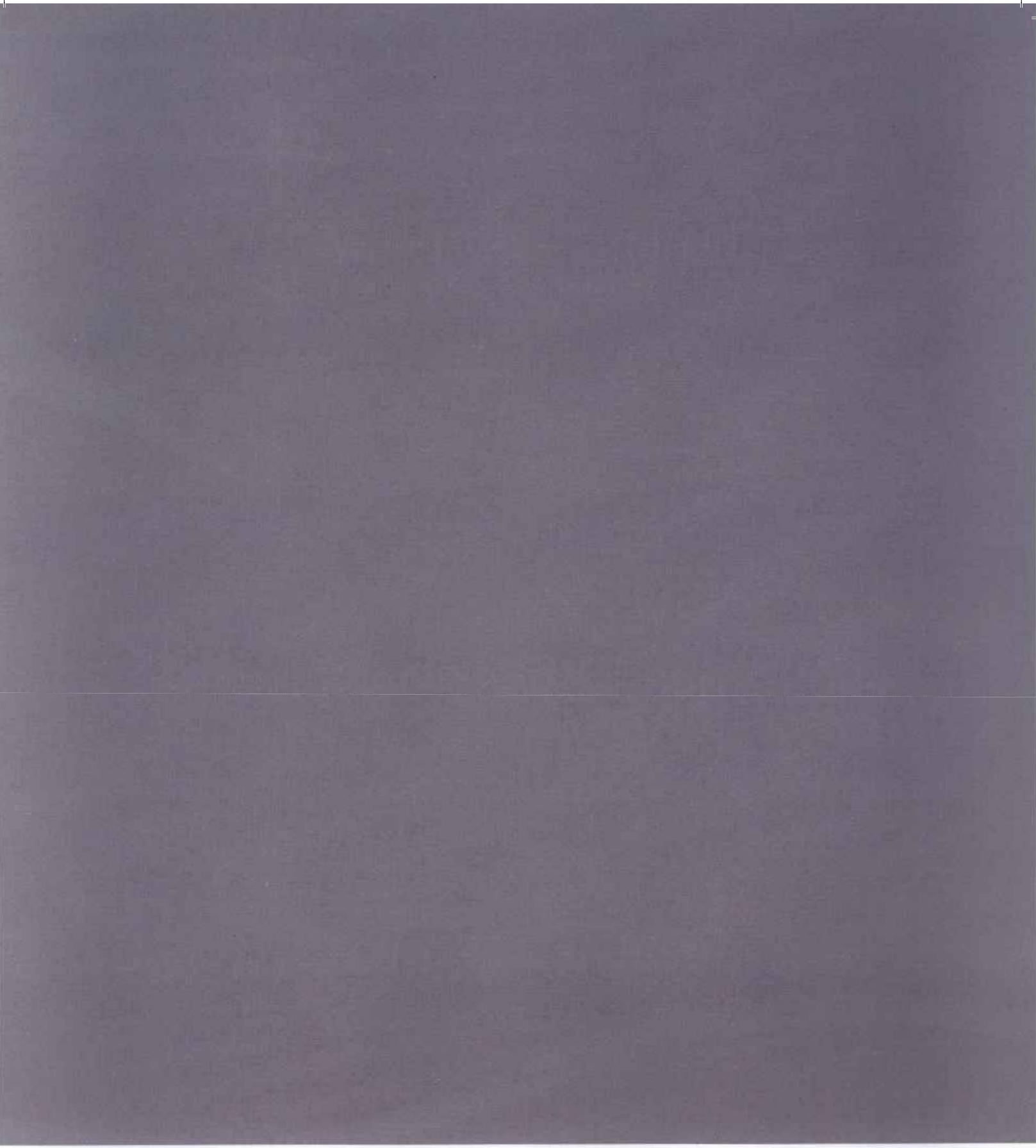
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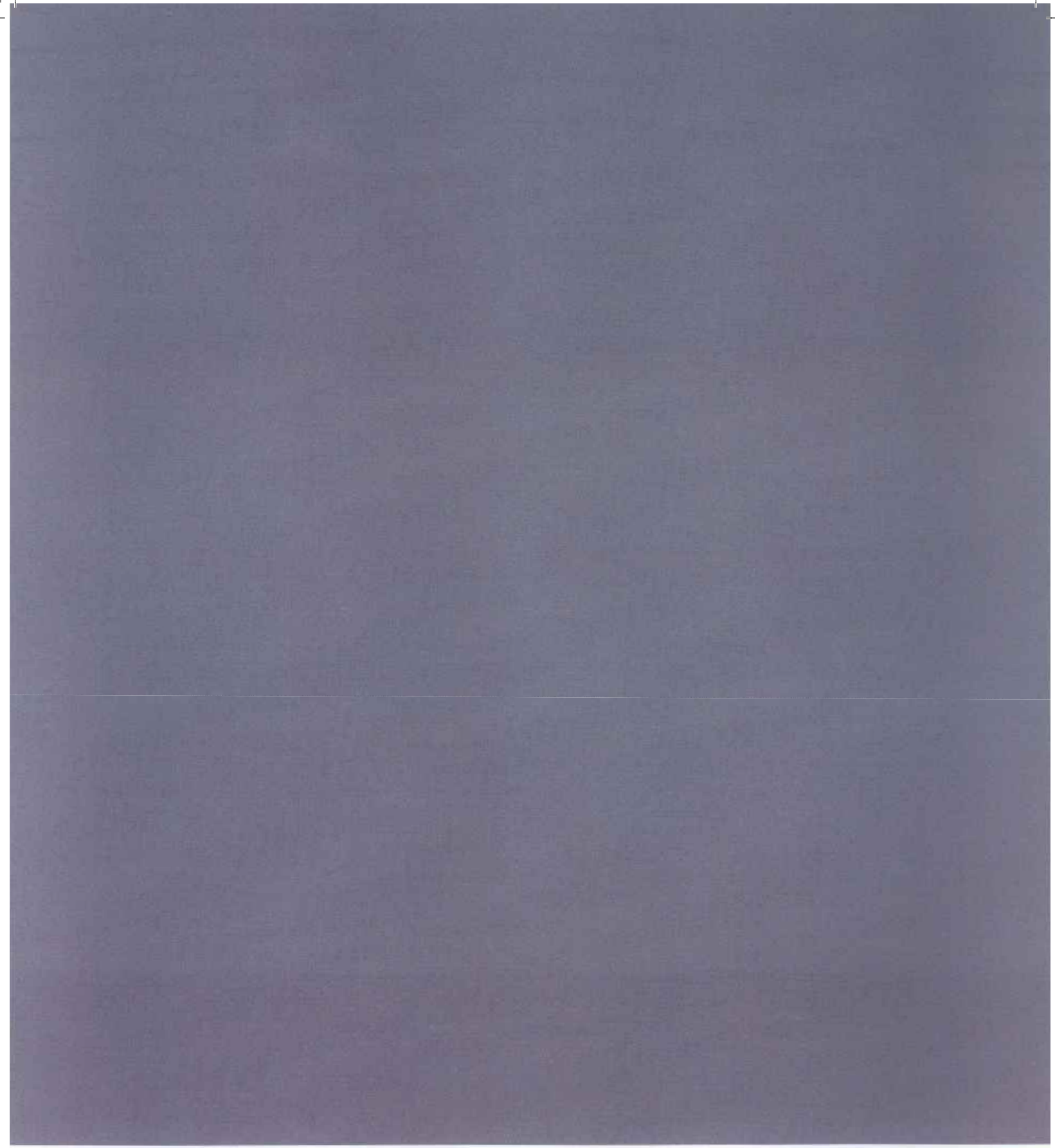
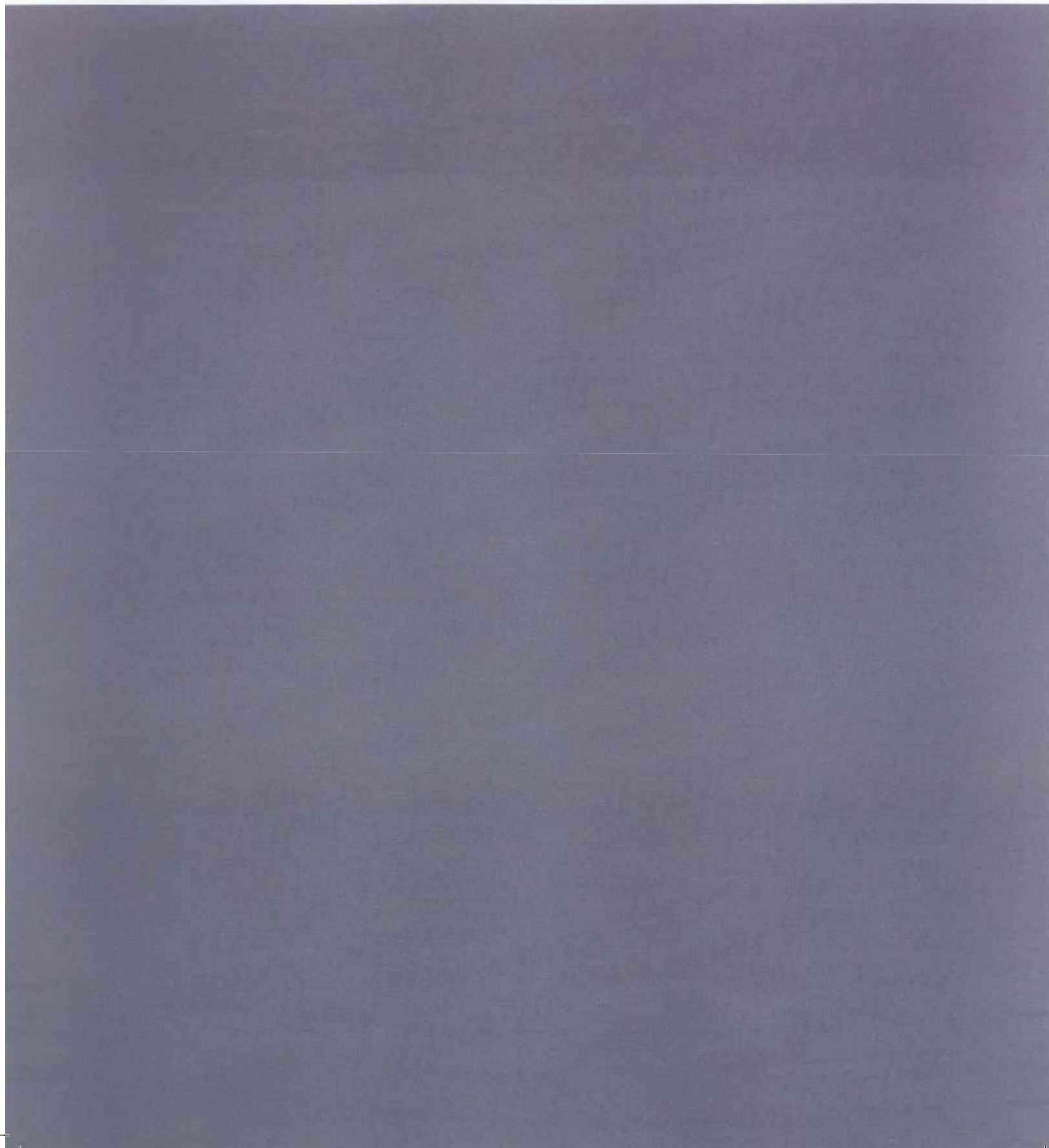


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5.8 Iniúchadh Inmheánach

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5.8 Iniúchadh Inmheánach

Bunaíodh an fheidhm Iniúchadh Inmheánach in Uiscebhealaí Éireann in Eanáir 2004 agus faoi láthair tá beirt chomhalta ann. Tuairiscíonn Iniúchadh Inmheánach chuig Coiste Iniúchta Uiscebhealaí Éireann.

Tá iniúchadh inmheánach mar chuid den timpeallacht rialúcháin trí leas a bhaint as feidhm meastóireachta neamhspleách ina ndéantar athbhreithniú ar ghníomhaíochtaí ar gach réimse laistigh den Chomhlacht. Is é ról an Iniúchadh Inmheánaigh ná scrúdú, measúnú agus tuairisciú oibiachtúil a dhéanamh ar cibé an bhfuil na córais, na nósanna imeachta agus na rialúcháin a fheidhmíonn an bhainistíocht de réir chuspóirí an Chomhlachta á gcomhlíonadh ar an mbealach is éifeachtaí, is eacnamúla agus de réir na ndlíthe agus na rialachán infheidhme. Cuidíonn sé le gach leibhéal bainistíochta chun a fhreagracht a chinntiú go bhfuil córais mhaithe rialacháin inmheánaigh tugtha isteach is á gcothabháil. Comhlíonann Iniúchadh Inmheánach a théarmaí tagartha trí chlár bliantúil iniúchtaí agus tuairisciú chuig an gCoiste Iniúchta ar

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil & Cuntais 2004

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5.6 Straitéis, Polasaí & Pleanáil

Thug an eagraíocht Plean Corparáide 2005-2007 agus Plean Gnó 2005 chun críche agus cheadaigh an Roinn iad. I measc na forbartha polasaí a tugadh chun críche tugadh faoi obair ar Ag Baint Muirir Amach ar na hUiscebhealaí, chun tacú leis an athbhreithniú ar an na fodhlíthe atá ann cheana.

Tugadh bearta do mheastóireacht eacnamaíochta agus d'ullmhú cás gnó chun críche chun tacú le seachadadh eagraíochta sna réimsí scileanna sin agus rinneadh athbhreithniú orthu chun léiriú a thabhairt ar an treo a bhfuiltear ag dul i Meamram Airgeadais nua na heagraíochta.

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Rinneadh forbairt ar bhainistiú eolais in Uiscebhealaí Éireann nuair a déanadh coimisiúnú ar chlár comhad leictreonach, ag cur leis an obair atá ar siúl píolótú ar chóras comhad ar fud na heagraíochta i 2003.

5.7 Comhionannas agus Díriú ar Eisiámh Sóisialta

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5.4 Airgeadas agus Cuntasaíocht

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Tugadh athbhreithniú ar shocrúithe banc chun críche agus soláthróidh Banc na hÉireann saoráidí baincēireachta ó 2005.

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Tuarascáil Bhliantúil & Cuntais 2004

5.2 Maoin & Dlí

Lean Uiscebhealaí Éireann ag bainistiú a phortfóilíó leathan maoin. Cuireadh moill ar phróiseáil ceadúnas agus ar iarratais léasa i 2004 de bharr saincheisteanna dlíthiúla casta a tháinig chun cinn ó scrúdú a rinneadh ar reachtaíocht bunaidh na heagraíochta chun a chinntiú go mbeadh maoin Uiscebhealaí Éireann á chosaint amach anseo ar mhaithe leis an bpobal.

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5.3 Acmhainní Daonna

Le linn na bliana, leanadh leis an obair ar pholasaithe a fhorbairt don eagraíocht agus tugadh isteach roinnt polasaithe AD ar bhun eatramhach lena n-áirítear Saoire Bhliantúil, Saoire Speisialta, Obair Sholúbtha, Bulaíocht agus Ciapadh, Trealamh Scáileán Taispeána agus Polasaí Caitheamh Tobac ag brath ar chomhchomhairle leanúnach le Ceardchumann. Tacaíodh le comhaltaí foirne breischúrsaí oideachais a thabhairt chun críche mar chuid dá bhforbairt phearsanta agus bhain beirt chomhalta creidiúnú amach ó Institiúid Cairte Pearsanra agus Forbartha.

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5.2 Maoin & Dlí

Chun cóiríocht oifige a sholáthar don Fhoireann Oibríochta ar an Bhanna cuirteadh tús le hobair athchóirithe ar theach an Choimeádaí Loic ag na Cutts i gCúil Raithín. Tabharfar an obair sin chun críche go luath i 2005.

Oifigí Oibríochta agus Iostaí

Tá oifig Réigiún an Oirthir bunaithe i gcóiríocht oifige atá ar léas ag Ashtowngate, Bóthar na hUaimhe, Baile Átha Cliath. Is seo áit atá gar do na canalacha agus a bhfuil rochtain éasca air ag comhaltaí foirne a bhíonn ag taisteal ann ó ar fud na tíre.

Réigiún an Oirthir

Tá Oifig Réigiún an Iarthair bunaithe i Scairbh. Tógadh an tríú maoin ar léas chun cóiríocht bhreise oifige a sholáthar d'fhoireann Uiscebhealaí Éireann. In Iúil 2004 ceadaíodh leanúint le soláthar Oifige nua do Réigiún an Iarthair i Scairbh agus cuirteadh tús le tairiscintí a iarraidh i Meán Fómhair.

Réigiún an Iarthair

Leantar ag soláthar cóiríocht shealadach in oifig atá ar léas ar Shean-Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath i gCora Droma Rúisc.

Réigiún an Tuaiscirt

Lean an eagraíocht ag forbairt bearta forbartha do chóiríocht do gach foireann réigiúnach.

Oifigí Réigiúnacha

Fuarthas cead leanúint ar aghaidh le soláthar an fhoirgnimh nua ceanncheathrú d'Uiscebhealaí Éireann in Iúil 2004. Táthar ag súil an togra a thabhairt chun críche i 2007 agus cuirtear cóiríocht ar fáil d'fhoirne an cheanncheathrú chomh maith le hionad eolais cois locha d'úsáideoirí an uiscebhealaigh.

Ceanncheathrú Inis Ceithleann

5.1 Cóiríocht

Ag Tógáil na hEagraíochta

Caibidil 5

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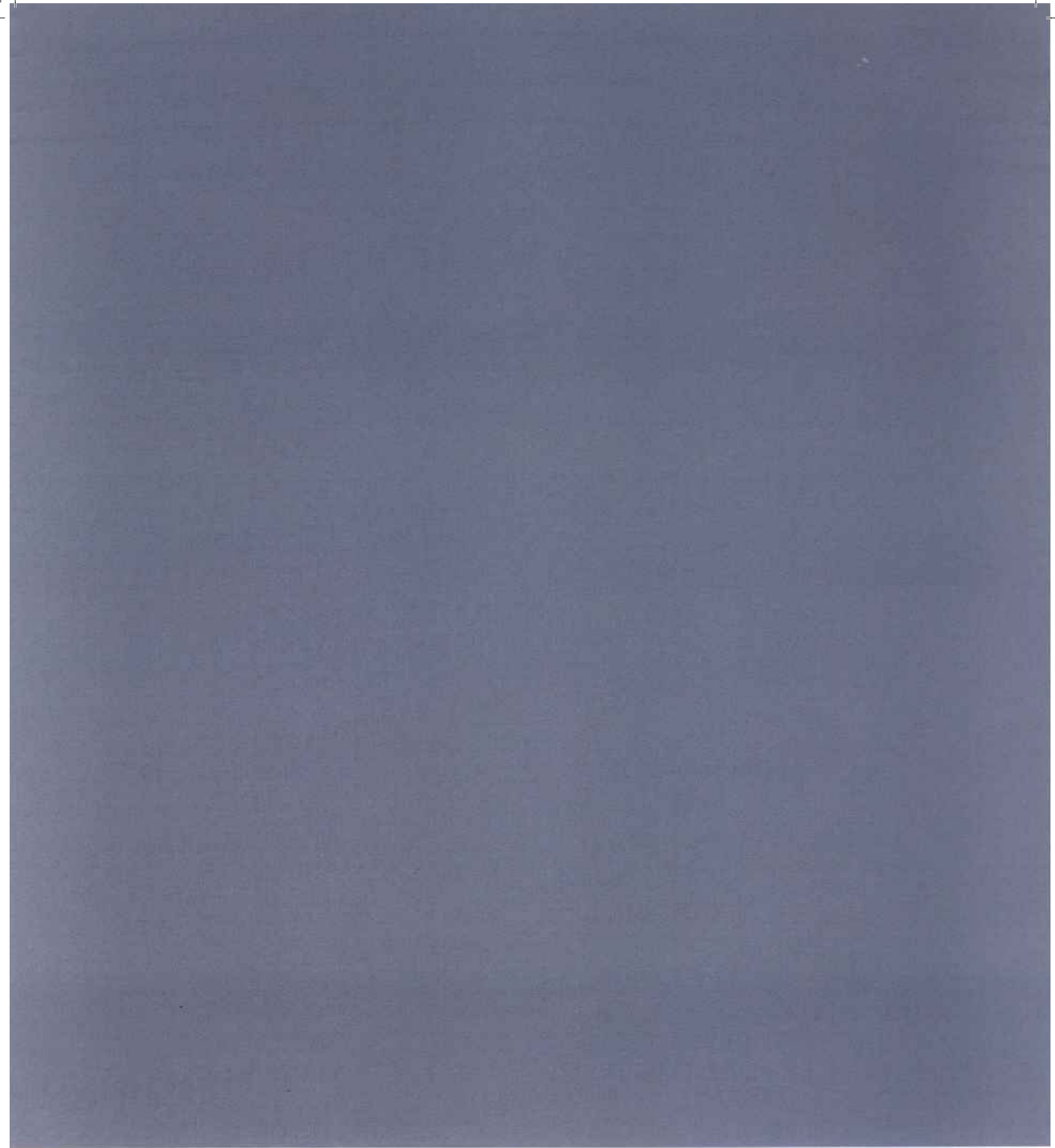
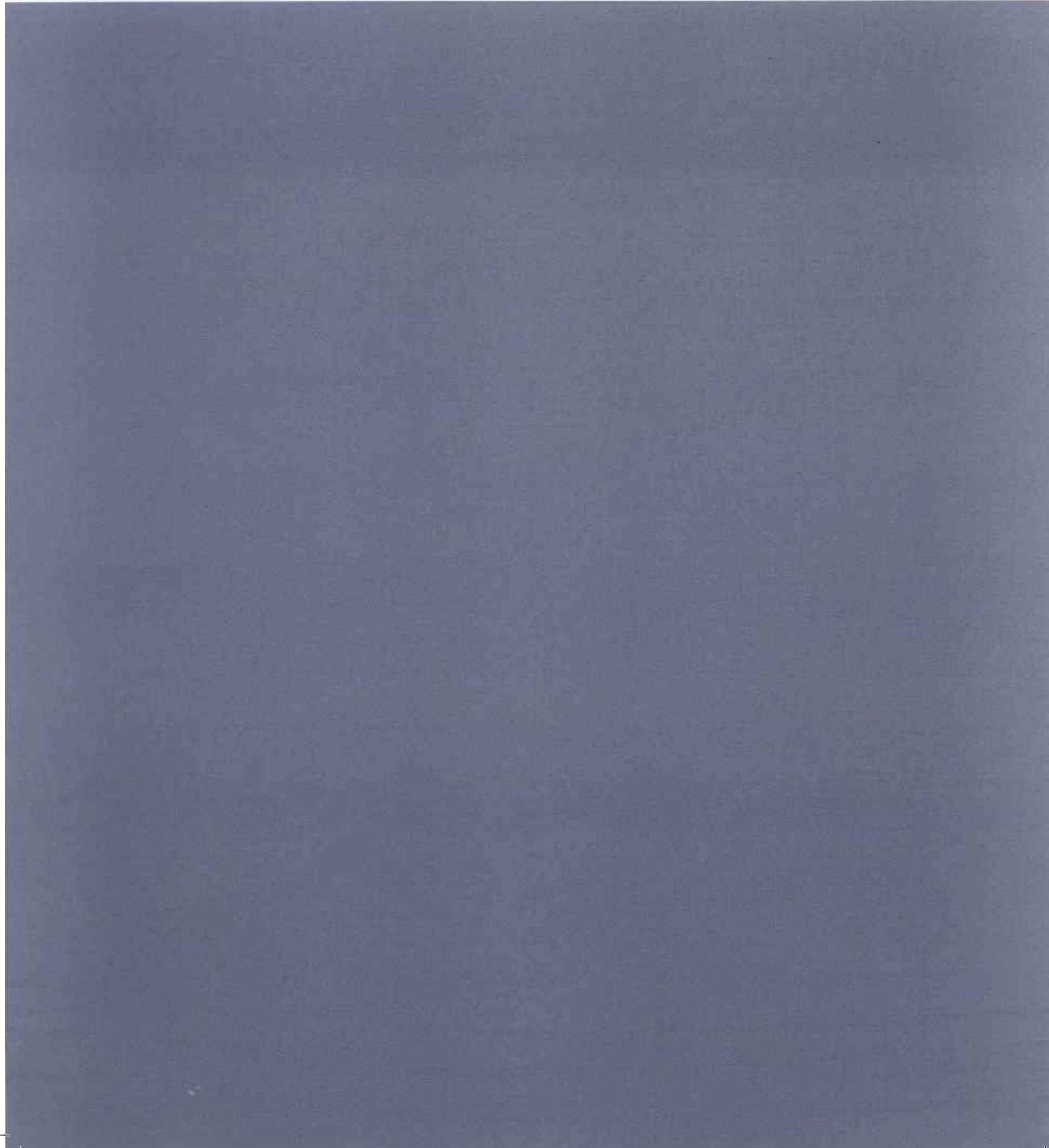
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Margaíocht agus Cur Chun Cinn ár nUiscebhealaí

chur chuige Oiliúna Seirbhísí Custaiméirí a dhírigh ar tuiscint cheart a fháil ar phrionsabail Cúram Custaiméirí agus thug an clár aghaidh ar na fíorchúiseanna a bhíonn le feidhmíocht theoranta. Mar go raibh athbhreithniú leanúnach agus leasú á dhéanamh ar sheachadadh na hoiliúna ón tús socraíodh go mbeadh aiseolas ón bhfoireann mar chuid lárnach den Oiliúint Seirbhísí Custaiméirí a bheadh mar phlean gnímh do Sheirbhísí Custaiméirí agus/nó do thionscnaimh Chumarsáide inmheánacha amach anseo.

4.4.3 Gearáin

I 2004 rinneadh 3 ghearán de réir na Nósanna Imeachta chun Plé le Gearáin Custaiméirí atá le fáil i gCóid Chleachtais Seirbhísí Custaiméirí. Pléadh go sásúil le gach gearán agus ní dhearnadh aon achomharc.

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4.3.5 Margaíocht Dhíreach

Sholáthair an Feachtas Margaíochta Díri ar tugadh faoi i 2004 eolas ar théarmaí tagartha Uiscebhealaí Éireann ar bhreis is 10,000 duine agus eagraíocht. Áiríodh san fheachtas úsáideoirí na n-uiscebhealaí agus úinéirí gnó ar feadh na loingseoireachtaí a chuireann eolas ar fáil do dhaoine eile.

4.3.6 Ionannas Corparáide

I 2004 tugadh chun críche obair ar fhorbairt lámhleabhair agus ar iniúchadh samplach do chlár comharthaíochta do na 7 n-uiscebhealach lena n-áirítear painéil eolais.

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4.4.1 Ceapadh Comhordaitheora Seirbhísí Custaiméirí

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4.3.4 An Clár Acmhainní Cumarsáide

Reachtáladh imeachtaí Eolas ar an bPreas ar Chóras na hÉirne i mí Bealtaine agus Deireadh Fómhair; ar Loingseoireacht na Sionainne i mí Iúil (Loch Dearg) agus i Lúnasa (Luimneach); agus ar Loingseoireacht na Bearú i Lúnasa. Chomh maith leis sin rinneadh clúdach mór raidió agus sna páipéir ar Oscailt Oifigiúil na hÁite nua Feistithe sa Rinn ar an gCanáil Mhór i mí Bealtaine; ar sheoladh na Straitéise Margaíochta agus Chur Chun Cinn agus ar sheoladh Blas de Theoirleabhar Fáilteachais Uiscebhealaí Éireann i Meitheamh; agus ar Oscailt Oifigiúil ar an Síneadh ar Chuan na Scairbhe ar Loingseoireacht na Sionainne i mí Iúil. Fuair obair fhorbartha eile de chuid Uiscebhealaí Éireann mar an Chríos Sábhaile Snámha i Mucros ar Chóras na hÉirne; an ché nua i mBaile Átha Luain ar Loingseoireacht na Sionna; an obair athchóirithe ar an gCanáil Ríoga i gCo. Longfort; an Áit nua feistithe i Ballyleague; agus an tús a cuireadh le hobair nua ar an gcuan i Garrykennedy agus Cleighran More ar Loingseoireacht na Sionainne clúdach mór sna páipéir freisin.

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Chuir an fhoireann eagarthóireachta dheonach, ar a bhfuil comhaltaí foirne ó ar fud na heagraíochta, lena n-áirítear na trí réigiún oibríochta, ceithre eagrán den Nuachtlitir Foirne ar fáil. Rinneadh athdhearadh ar leagan amach na nuachtlitreach chun an téacs a dhéanamh níos mó agus chun feabhas a chur ar an leagan amach ó thaobh amhairc de. I bhFómhar 2004, cuireadh eagrán speisialta ar fáil chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar 200 bliain ó tugadh an Chanáil Mhór chun críche.

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Ar an iomlán thug freagróirí grádú ard do na huiscebhealaí, 84% á rá go raibh siad go maith nó go han-mhaith. Ar na príomhchúiseanna a bhí leis an ngrádú dearfach áirítear an timpeallacht deas nádúrtha (28%), an deis chun scíth a ligean agus suaimhneas na n-uiscebhealaí (22%) agus na gníomhaíochtaí gur féidir a dhéanamh ar na huiscebhealaí (12%). Ar na príomhchúiseanna le grádú díúltach a thabhairt do na huiscebhealaí bhí droch-áiseanna/easpa áiseanna (4%), neamhshlachtmhaireacht /bruscar / truailliú (2%), iascach lag (2%) agus róphlódú /torann (2%).

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Foinsí Eolais

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Gníomhaíochtaí

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Rinneadh forbairt ar réimse earraí le tacaíocht a thabhairt do ghníomhaíocht urraíochta na heagraíochta agus le deiseanna miondíola bolscaireachta a sholáthar.

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3.2.5 Loingseoireacht na Sionainne.

Síneann Loingseoireacht na Sionainne ó Loch Aillionn go dtí an t-inbhear ag Loc an tSáirséalaigh i Luimneach. Dhírigh clár oibreacha 2004 ar Loingseoireacht na Sionainne go príomha ar chur le calaidh a bhí ann cheana agus cruthú láithreacha do chalaídh nua.

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I mí Iúil freisin a d'oscail an tAire Stáit, Síle de Valera, T.D., síneadh a cuireadh le Caladh na Scairbhe i gContae an Chláir, rud a chuir 130m d'fheistiú breise ar fáil maraon le 36m eile do bháid bheaga.

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Cuireadh feistiú nua 240m isteach ag Cluain Mhic Nóis, Contae Uíbh Fhailí in áit an fheistithe a bhí ann roimhe agus cuireadh 141m breise d'fheistiú ar snámh isteach ag Coosan i gContae na hIarmhí agus Tarmonbarry agus Baile Átha Luain i gContae Ros Comáin.

Cuireadh tús le hoibreacha Garrykennedy, Co. Thiobraid Árann i mí an Mheithimh le 285m breise d'fheistiú ar snámh a chur ar fáil maraon le bloc seirbhíse. Meastar go mbeidh an togra réidh sa bhliain 2005. Cuireadh tús le scéim fheabhsúcháin le síneadh a chur leis an gcaladh atá ann faoi láthair ag Portrunny i gContae Ros Comáin i mí Iúil. Nuair a bheidh an obair seo críochnaithe cruthófar 250m breise d'fheistiú ar snámh maraon le 66m do bháid bheaga, carrchlós agus bloc seirbhíse.

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I mí Iúil freisin a d'oscail an tAire Stáit, Síle de Valera, T.D., síneadh a cuireadh le Caladh na Scairbhe i gContae an Chláir, rud a chuir 130m d'fheistiú breise ar fáil maraon le 36m eile do bháid bheaga.

I mí na Nollag cuireadh críoch leis na hoibreacha ag Cleighranmore i gContae Liatroma le droichead talún a thógáil agus tonnchoscanna le cosaint a thabhairt do 177m d'fheistiú ar snámh ar Loch Aillionn. Ar na hoibreacha eile a rinneadh ar Loch Aillionn bhí soláthar tonnchosc 20m le cosaint a thabhairt do na lamairní atá ar an loch cheana ag Caladh Spencer.

Cuireadh feistiú nua 240m isteach ag Cluain Mhic Nóis, Contae Uíbh Fhailí in áit an fheistithe a bhí ann roimhe agus cuireadh 141m breise d'fheistiú ar snámh isteach ag Coosan i gContae na hIarmhí agus Tarmonbarry agus Baile Átha Luain i gContae Ros Comáin.

Cuireadh tús le hoibreacha Garrykennedy, Co. Thiobraid Árann i mí an Mheithimh le 285m breise d'fheistiú ar snámh a chur ar fáil maraon le bloc seirbhíse. Meastar go mbeidh an togra réidh sa bhliain 2005. Cuireadh tús le scéim fheabhsúcháin le síneadh a chur leis an gcaladh atá ann faoi láthair ag Portrunny i gContae Ros Comáin i mí Iúil. Nuair a bheidh an obair seo críochnaithe cruthófar 250m breise d'fheistiú ar snámh maraon le 66m do bháid bheaga, carrchlós agus bloc seirbhíse.

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I Mainistir Eimhín, ag obair i gcomhpháirt leis an gcomhairle áitiúil, rinneadh leasú ar dheardh an droichid tógála leis an gcumas iompair a ardú ón meastachán ceithre thonna atá ann faoi láthair go dhá scór tonna. Teastóidh cineál speisialta de chruach ardghrád do dhéanamh an droichid seo agus meastar go gcuirfear tús le hoibreacha ar an suíomh i 2005.

3.2.4 Loingseoireacht na Bearú

Leanann Loingseoireacht na Bearú ón áit a gcasann an Bhearú agus Líne na Canála Móire / na Bearú le chéile ag Baile Átha Í, Co. Chill Dara go gcasann sí leis an taoide ag Tigh Moling i gCo. Cheatharlach.

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Trasnaíonn an Chanáil Mhór machaire lár na hÉireann trí Chontae Chill Dara agus trí Chontae Uíbh Fhailí, ó Dhuga na Canála Móire sa Rinn i mBaile Átha Cliath go dtí Abhainn na Sionainne ag Caladh na Sionainne in aice le Beannchar i gContae Uíbh Fhailí.

3.2.3 An Chanáil Mhór

Tugadh a thuilleadh oibre chun críche ar chur chun cinn obair fhorbartha ar na droichid atá riachtanach leis an loingseoireacht ón gCanáil Ríoga go dtí an tSionainn a athoscailt. Cuireadh deireadh le ceannach éigeantach tailte agus leis an bpróiseas tairisceana don obair thógála le hathlíniú Dhroichead Webb ag Mainistir Shrutla i gContae an Longfoirt a chríochnú. Tá oibreacha suímh le tosú ag tús 2005, chomh maith leis an obair ar Dhroichead Bhord na Móna. Cuireadh críoch freisin leis an miondearadh ar Dhroichead Bhóthar Longfoirt ag Baile Uí Mhatháin mar chuid d'athchóiriú na Canála Ríoga.

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Bhí Duga Spencer dúnta go sealadach don loingseoireacht le linn 2004 le hoibreacha fiosrú suímh agus suirbhé a éascú. Fágfaidh na torthaí gur féidir roghanna a mheas maidir le hoibreacha do chosaint rabharta agus athchóiriú loingseoireachta ag Loc na Farraige a chomhcheangal.

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I 2004 cuireadh críoch leis an mairíne 55 beart ag Ionad Cuairteoirí Uiscebhealaí Éireann sa Duga Istigh ar an gCanáil Mhór. D'oscail Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath, an Comhairleoir Royston Brady an muiríne go hoifigiúil mar chomhtharlú le Slógadh Bád Bhaile Átha Cliath de chuid Cumann Uiscebhealaí Intíre na hÉireann (IWAI). Rinneadh an slógadh seo comóradh 50 bliain de bhunú an IWAI agus comóradh 200 críochnú na Canála Móire go Caladh na Sionainne i 1804 a cheiliúradh.

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choimisiúnaigh Uiscebhealaí Éireann dearadh agus déanamh báid a tógadh go speisialta le fiailí a ghearradh le go mbeidís réidh chun déileáil leis an bhfadhb seo dá dtarlódh sí arís amach anseo. Beidh an bád seo réidh do shamhradh na bliana 2005.

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3.2 Clár Oibre Caipitil (Deisceart)

3.2.1 Réamhrá

Chuir Uiscebhealaí Éireann a plean caipitil i bhfeidhm sa Deisceart ag teacht le freagracht na Comhlachta fobheart Uiscebhealaí Éireann den Phlean Náisiúnta Forbartha a sheachadadh. Tá an plean seo ann ó bunaíodh an Comhlacht.

Cuireadh réimse tograí caipitiúla i bhfeidhm arbh fhiú €7.8 milliún (£5.3 milliún) iad. Tá cur síos orthu thíos.

3.2.2 An Chanáil Ríoga

Leanadh leis an athchóiriú ar an gCanáil Ríoga le linn 2004. Tá sí inseolta faoi láthair ó Dhuga Spencer i mBaile Átha Cliath go Mainistir Shruthla i gContae Longfoirt, achar 113km. Nuair a bheidh an chanáil lán-inseolta beidh sí ceangailte le Loingseoireacht na Sionainne ag Cuan Richmond in aice le Cluain Dá Ráth i gContae Longfoirt.

I 2004 críochnaíodh an obair atógála ar bhruacha 375m ar leithead i gceantar Bhaile Átha Cliath idir Droichead na Giolcaí agus Reilly's Bridge sa Chabrach. I gContae an Longfoirt atógadh agus neartaíodh 500m de Phortach Begnagh chomh maith. Cuireadh lamairní tuirlingte adhmaid breise isteach i mBaile Átha Cliath in aghaidh srutha ag an 4ú Loc in aice le Loc Droichead Cross Gunns agus ceann le sruth ag an 11ú Loc gar d'ídirmhálartú Bhaile Bhlainséir, agus cuireadh trí lamairne le geataí doimhne isteach ar loic

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Bhí an bheim i gclár oibre 2004 ar uasghrádú an bhonneagair a bhí ann cheana. Ceannaíodh aonaid pontún ar snámh do Chuilcigh ar Loch Éirne Uachtarach, Davy's Island agus Lusty More, iad araon ar Loch Éirne. Cuirteadh tús leis an obair ag na cúig shuíomh le lamairní ar snámh a chur in áit na lamairní adhmaid a bhí ann. Cuirteadh críoch le hathshlachtu agus le hathchóiriú an mhuirine i mBéal Leice freisin i rith na bliana. Bhí deacracht ar leith ar Loch Éirne le fairsingiú agus le fás tapa duileasc abhann maol (potamogeton obtusifolius). D'fhág sé seo go raibh deacrachtaí ag báid dul thairis le linn Iúil agus Lúnasa. Chun díriú ar an bhfadhb seo

3.1.3 Córas na hÉirne

Ar thograí eile áirítear tógáil geataí nua íochtaracha loic ag loc Cutts agus cuaille liosta nua ag na geataí ar thaobh na srutha ag loc Thuama. Raibh luamhán air.

Cuirteadh críoch leis na hoibreacha ar chur isteach 186m de lamairní tuirlingte ar thaobh na srutha de loic Cutts, Carnroe agus Lock, le sruth loc Portna agus ag Newferry, an ceann deiridh seo i bpáirt le Comhairle Réigiúnach Mhachaire Fíolta. Cuirteadh tús freisin leis an obair le lamairní breise tuirlingte a chur isteach le sruth ag loc Carnroe, loc Movanagher agus ar thaobh na srutha de loc Thuama. Fágfaidh na lamairní seo go mbeidh rochtain shábháilte ag soithigh. Cuirteadh geataí nua isteach ag Cutts in áit an tseangheata loic a

bonneagair agus chuir le húsáid bhreise an uiscebhealaigh seo ar bhealach sábháilte. Síneann Loingseoireacht na Banna Íochtaráí ó dhroichead an bhaile i gCúil Raithin go dtí a gabhal le Loch nEathach ag Tuama. Thug soláthar áiseanna lamairne ar feadh na loingseoireachta seo aghaidh ar an easpa

3.1.2 Loingseoireacht na Banna Íochtaráí

I 2004 caitheadh €1.6 milliún (£1.07 milliún) ina iomláine ar shuimeanna caipitleacha. Síneann Loingseoireacht na Banna Íochtaráí ó dhroichead an bhaile i gCúil Raithin go dtí a gabhal le Loch nEathach ag Tuama. Thug soláthar áiseanna lamairne ar feadh na loingseoireachta seo aghaidh ar an easpa. Cuir Uiscebhealaí Éireann dlús lena gclár oibre forbartha i 2004, ag cur feabhais ar áiseanna a bhí ann agus ag soláthar áiseanna nua lena chinntiú go seolfadh árthaí go sábháilte ar na loingseoireachtaí. I 2004 críochnaíodh agus cuireadh ar fáil na hoibríochtaí caipitleacha a phleanáil agus ar chuir Uiscebhealaí Éireann tús leo i 2003, go háirithe soláthar áiseanna lamairne ar Chóras na hÉirne agus ar Loingseoireacht na Banna Íochtaráí.

3.1.1 Réamhrá

3.1 Clár Oibre Caipitil (Tuaisceart)

Forbairt agus Athchóiriú na nUiscebhealaí

Caibidil 3

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Cuireadh críoch leis na hoibreacha ar chur isteach 186m de lamairní tuirlingte ar thaobh na srutha de loic Cutts, Carnroe agus Lock, le sruth loc Portna agus ag Newferry, an ceann deiridh seo i bpáirt le Comhairle Réigiúnach Mhachaire Fíolta. Cuirteadh tús freisin leis an obair le lamairní breise tuirlingte a chur isteach le sruth ag loc Carnroe, loc Movanagher agus ar thaobh na srutha de loc Thuama. Fágfaidh na lamairní seo go mbeidh rochtain shábháilte ag soithigh. Cuirteadh geataí nua isteach ag Cutts in áit an tseangheata loic a raibh luamhán air.

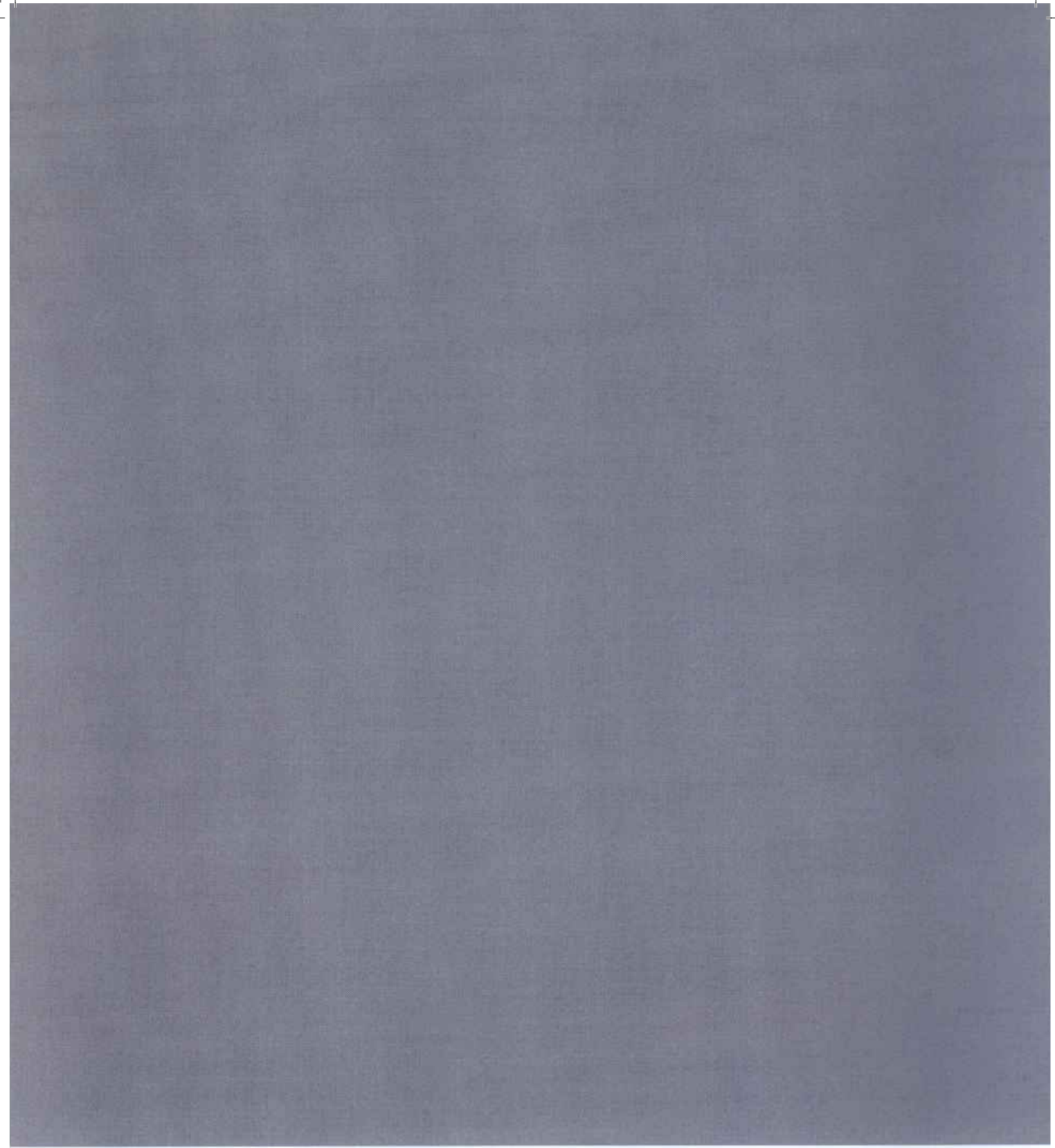
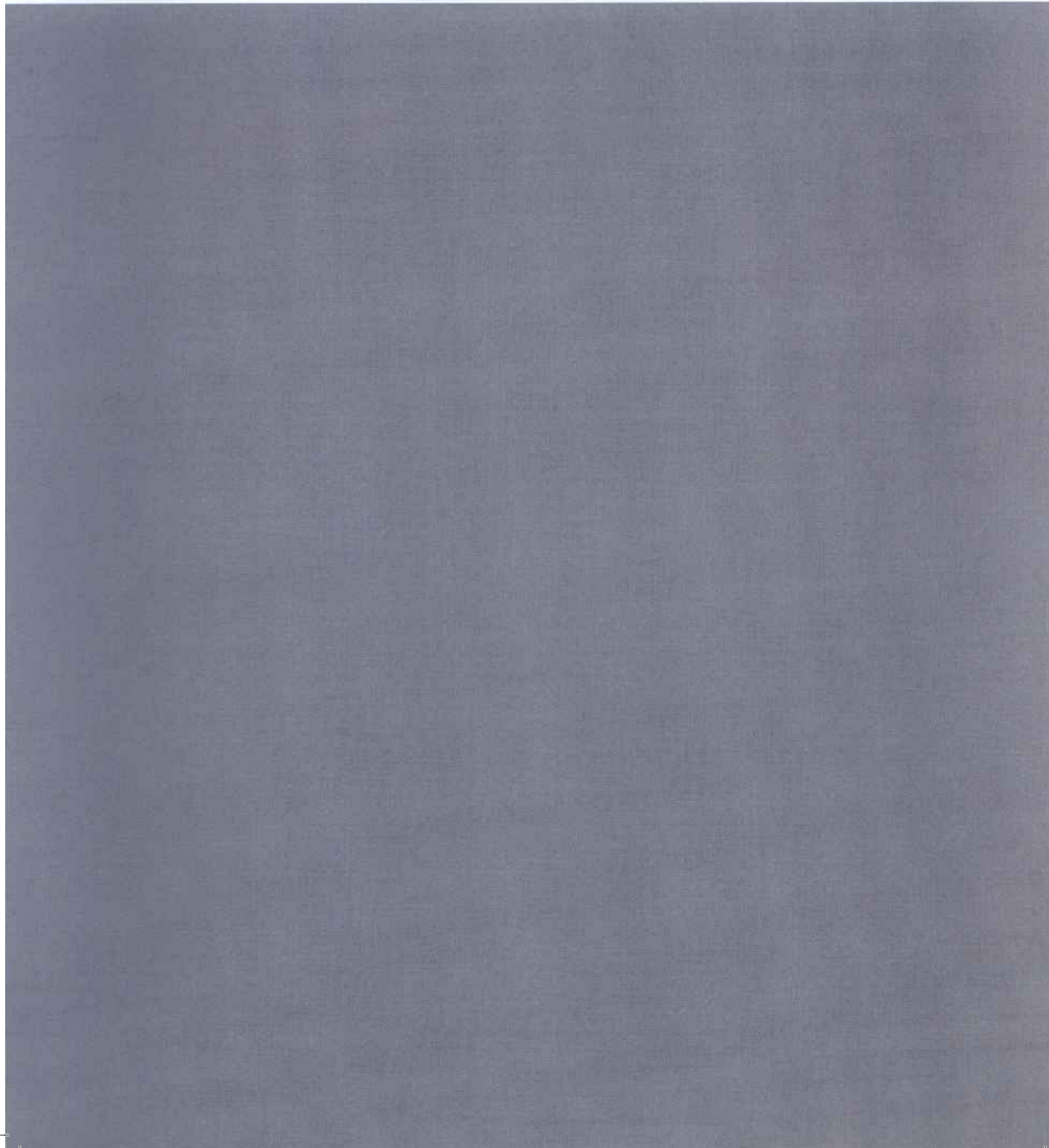
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3.1.3 Córas na hÉirne

Síneann Córas na hÉirne ó Bhéal Tairbirt i gContae an Chabháin go Béal Leice i gContae Fhear Manach.

Bhí an bheim i gclár oibre 2004 ar uasghrádú an bhonneagair a bhí ann cheana. Ceannaíodh aonaid pontún ar snámh do Chuilcigh ar Loch Éirne Uachtarach, Davy's Island agus Lusty More, iad araon ar Loch Éirne Íochtarach agus do dhá shuíomh in Inis Ceithleann-Regal Pass agus Broadmeadows ar an gCainéal Eadar-Locha. Cuirteadh tús leis an obair ag na cúig shuíomh le lamairní ar snámh a chur in áit na lamairní adhmaid a bhí ann. Cuirteadh críoch le hathshlachtu agus le hathchóiriú an mhuirine i mBéal Leice freisin i rith na bliana.

Bhí deacracht ar leith ar Loch Éirne le fairsingiú agus le fás tapa duileasc abhann maol (potamogeton obtusifolius). D'fhág sé seo go raibh deacrachtaí ag báid dul thairis le linn Iúil agus Lúnasa. Chun díriú ar an bhfadhb seo



2.7 Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht

Lean an Coiste Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta orthu ag bualadh le chéile in aghaidh na míosa i rith 2004. Bhí obair leanúnach ar siúl ag déanamh athbhreithniú ar ghnáthmhodhanna oibríochtúla, ar bhainistiú riosca, ar nósanna imeachta oibre agus ar fheidhmiú rialacháin thógála, dearaidh agus bhainistíochta. Leanadh leis an gcaidreamh leis an Údarás Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta agus leis an bhFeidhmeannacht Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta, maraon leis an obair a bhain le cuairteanna an Údaráis Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta ar shuímh.

Leanadh le traenáil agus le forbairt foirne ar cheisteanna sláinte agus sábháilteachta. Cuireadh clár tacáochta ar fáil do na hionadaithe Sábháilteachta a ceapadh agus ar cuireadh traenáil orthu i 2003 freisin.

2.6 Timpeallacht agus Oidhreacht

Chuir Uiscebhealaí Éireann tús lena Roinn Comhshaoil i 2004. Is é an ról atá acu a chinntiú go gcuireann aon oibreacha a dhéanann Uiscebhealaí Éireann cosaint timpeallachta d'ardchaighdeán ar fáil. Caithfidh siad freisin cur síos a dhéanamh ar an iliomad flora, fauna agus foirgneamh stairiúil ar chuid de thaithí an lae inniu ar uiscebhealaí iad.

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Tuarascáil Bhliantúil & Cuntais 2004

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Bhuail foireann na Cigireachta freisin le grúpaí pobail agus clubanna éagsúla le húsáid shlán na n-uiscebhealaí a chur chun cinn. Anuas air seo lean foireann na Cigireachta orthu ag dul i dteangmháil leis na geallsealbhoirí níos bunaithe ar nós oibreoirí a chuir báid amach ar cíos, oifigigh shlándála uisce na n-údarás áitiúla agus úinéirí muiríne.

2.4 Stocáil Éisc

Rinne an Príomh-Bhord Iascaigh soláthar stoc éisc, bainistiú plandaí uisceacha agus monatóireacht ar cháilíocht uisce thar ceann Uiscebhealaí Éireann. Cuireadh iasc garbh lena n-áirítear cúramán, róiste, bran, hibridí, péirse, liús agus ruán ar Uiscebhealach na Sionainne-na hÉirne, ar Loingseoireacht na Bearú agus ar an gCanáil Ríoga agus ar an gCanáil Mhór. Rinneadh suirbhé mion ar phlandaí uisceacha ar an gCanáil Mhór in Aibreán 2004, cur síos cainníochtúil déanta ann ar speiceas plandaí, a gcomhdhéanamh agus a bhfairsinge coibhneasta ag suímh thagartha ar fud na canála.

2.5 Inrochtaineacht

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2.1 Réamhrá

Bainistiú agus Cothabháil na nUiscebhealaí

Caibidil 2

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Bainistiú agus Cothabháil na nUiscebhealaí

Caibidil 2

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil & Cuntais 2004

1.3 Cuntasacht

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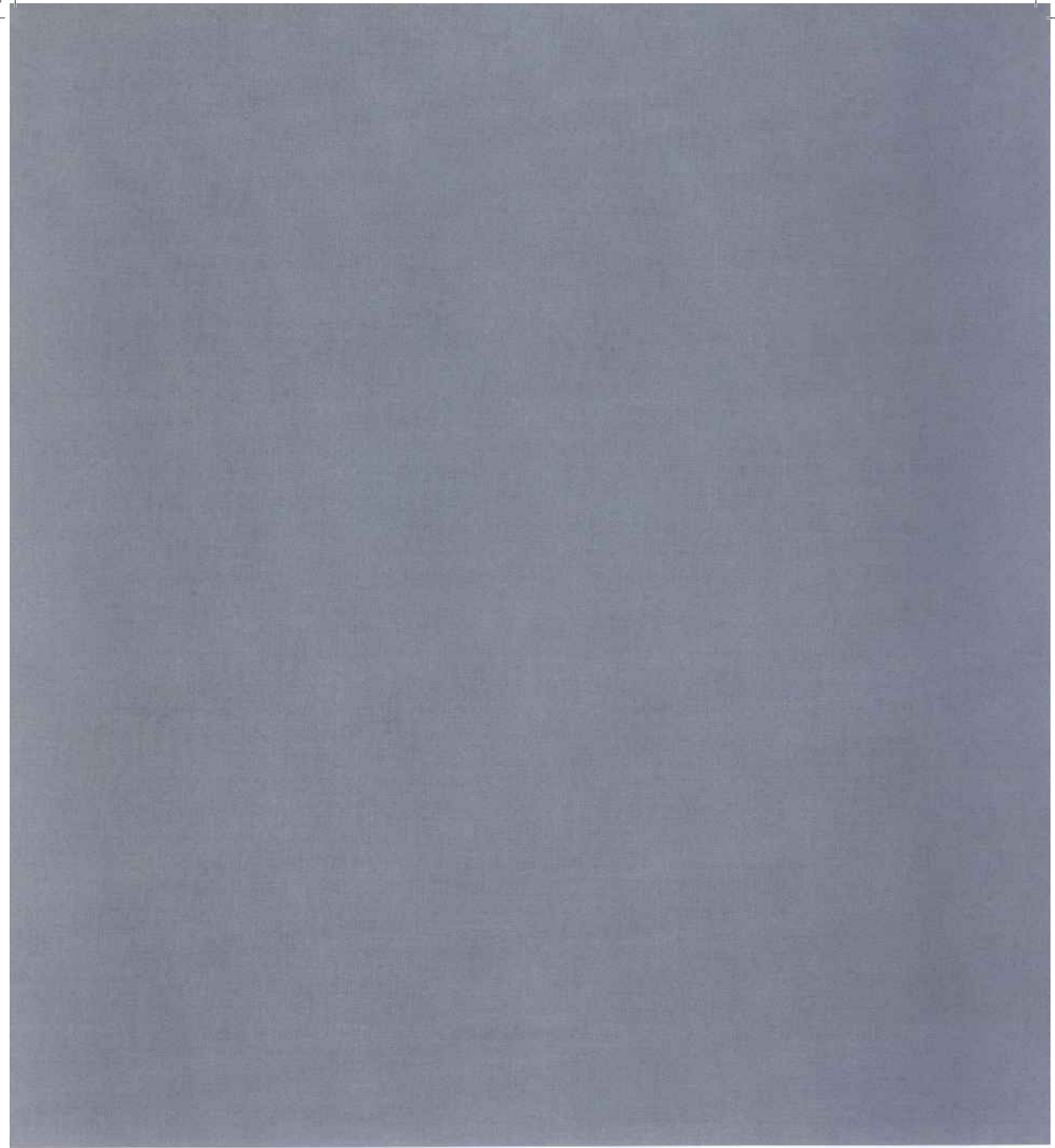
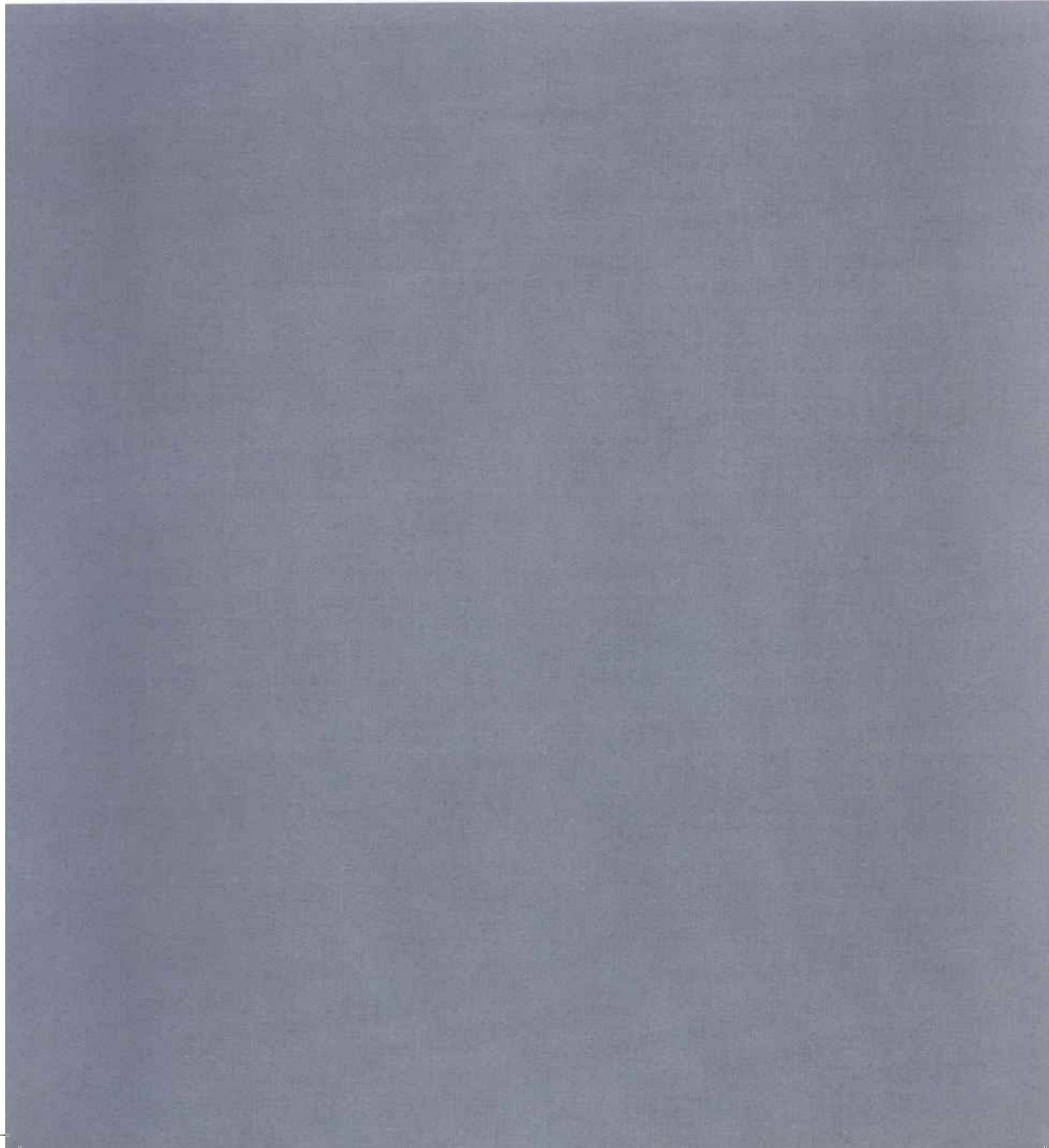
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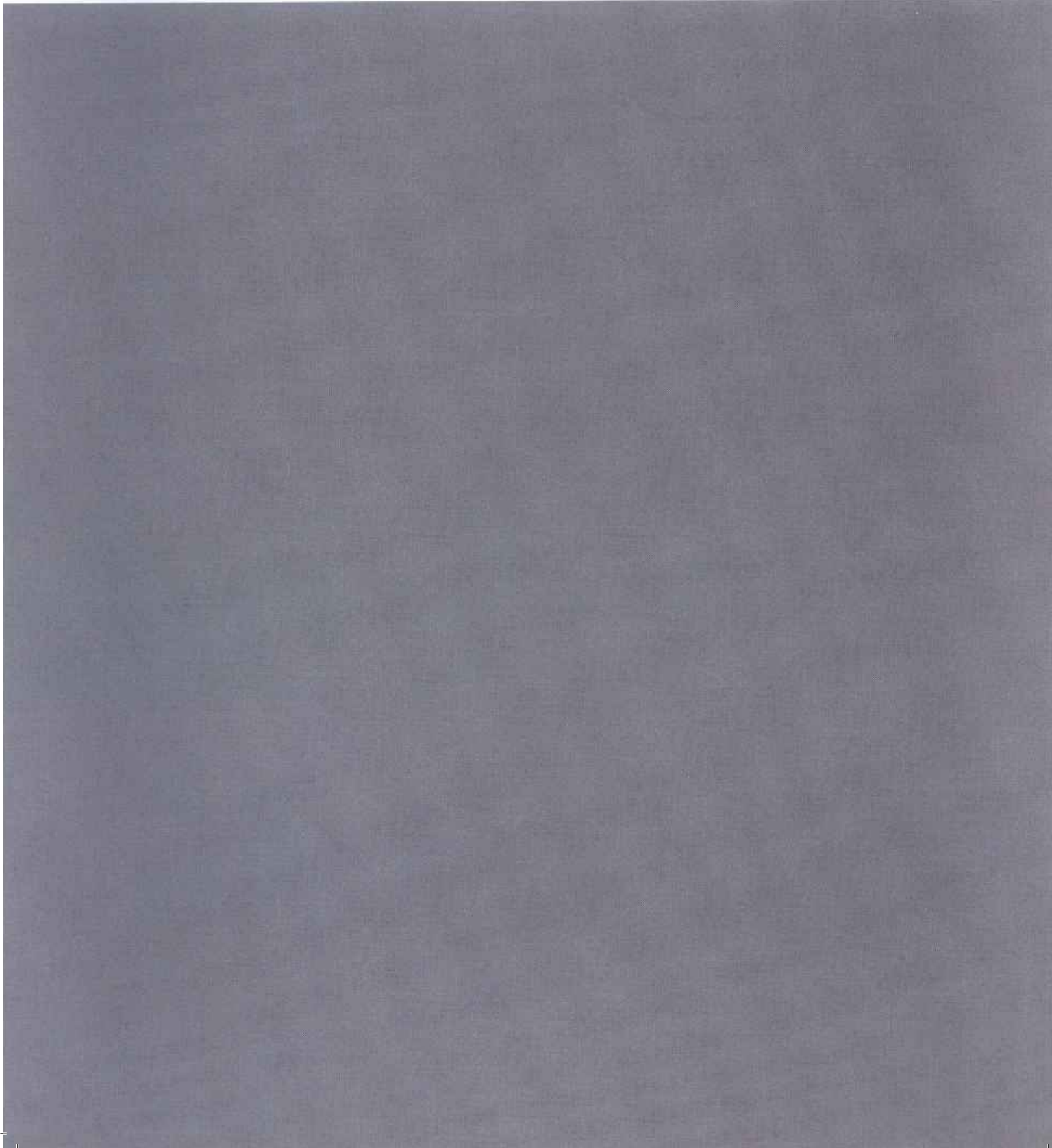
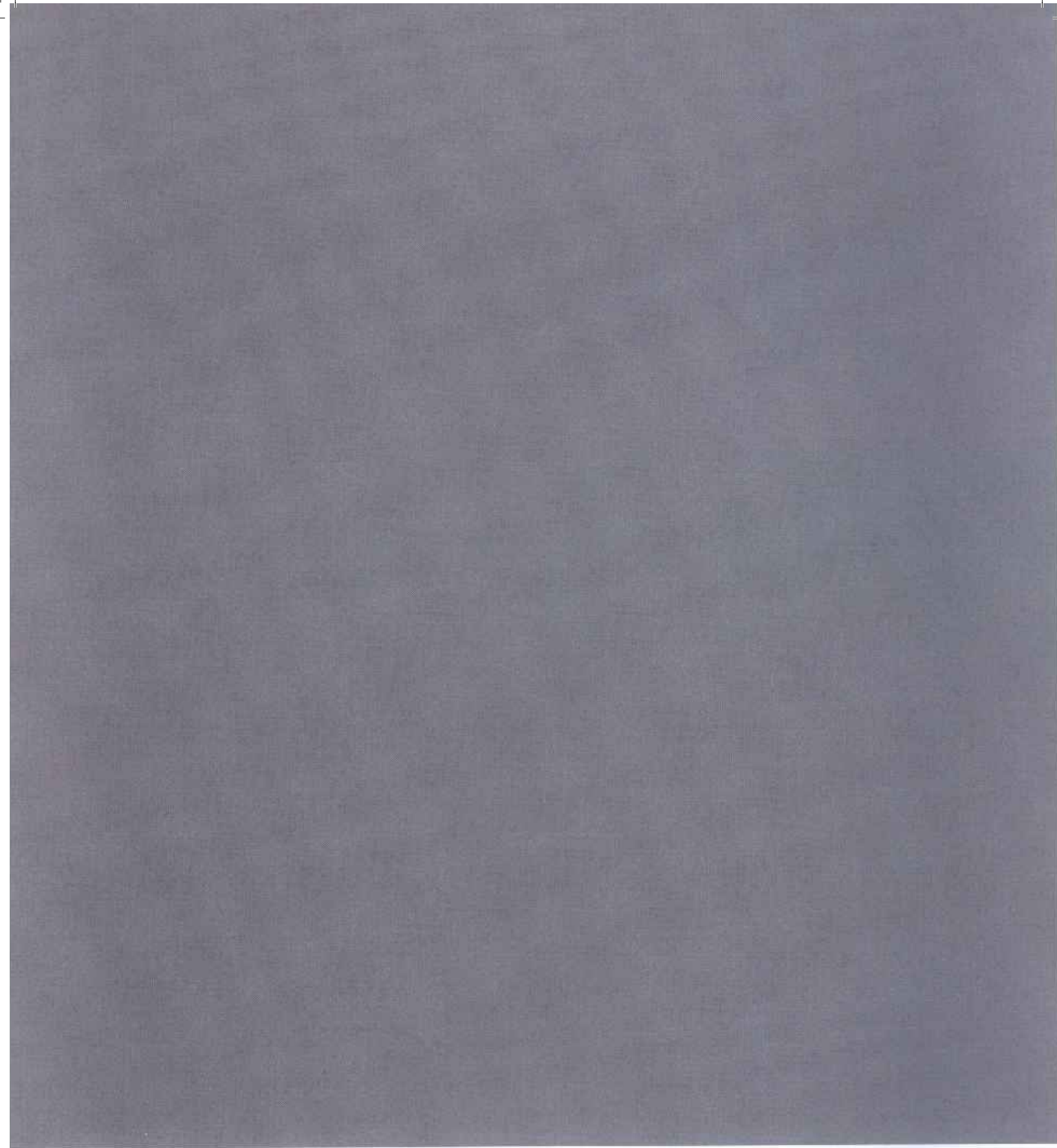
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