

## EIA Questionnaire.

Form 1

(Pre-Screening)

Maritime usage licence number: LIC230006

Proposed development: UCC DEPLOYMENT, OPERATION AND RECOVERY OF HYDROPHONES OFF THE COAST OF COUNTIES WICKLOW AND CORK

**Question 1: Is the proposed development included in Annex I and above the specified threshold of the Directive (Schedule 5 to the P&D Regs)?**

- If Yes: EIA is mandatory.
- If No, proceed to Q2.

Answer:

**Question 2: Is the proposed development included in Annex II and above the specified threshold of the Directive (Schedule 5 to the P&D Regs)?**

- If Yes: EIA is mandatory.
- If No, proceed to Q3.

Answer:

**Question 3: Is the proposed development of a type/class included in Annex I or II of the Directive (Schedule 5 to the P&D Regs) but below the threshold specified?**

- If Yes, proceed to Form 2.
- If No, no EIA required. Proceed to Q4.

Answer:

**Question 4: Despite Q's 1 to 3 above returning negative answers, has the applicant submitted an EIAR?**

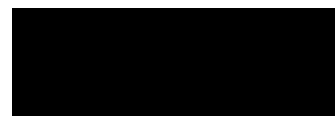
- If Yes, process the application as an EIA case
- If No; No EIAR required

Answer:

**Comments:**

The deployment of hydrophones or similar bottom mounted survey equipment is not listed in Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive or Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

Based on an examination of the nature, size, duration and location of these works there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. Therefore EIA is not required.



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