

Form 1

## Environmental Impact Assessment Questionnaire

<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:</b>	<b>LIC230018</b>
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	<b>Microsoft Operations Ireland Ltd</b>
<b>Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:</b>	Geophysical survey and site investigations for proposed subsea fibre optic cable having landfall in Portmarnock, County Dublin
<b>Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021 (as amended):</b>	<i>3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigations or in support of an application under Part Xxi of the Act of 2000.</i>

**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 Question 2

**Answer: NO**

**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 Question 3

**Answer: NO**

**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: NO**

**Question 4:**

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

If Yes, licence application shall be returned to the applicant.

If No, no EIA required.

**Answer: NO**

**Decision:**

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



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