EIA Questionnaire.

Form 1

(Pre-Screening)

Maritime usage licence number: LIC230033

Proposed development: INSTALLATION OF FIBRE OPTIC SUBSEA TELECOMS CABLE AND POTENTIAL FUTURE TELECOMS MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND AGREED CONTINENTAL SHELF

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:

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 Q3.

Answer:

No

Question 3: Is the proposed development of <u>a type/class</u> 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, process the application as an EIA case

• If No; No EIAR required

Answer:

No

Comments:

Based on a preliminary examination of the nature, size, duration and location of these works there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment.

EIA is not required.

The project is subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Marine Advisor Environment

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