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Reference: MUL240036

Request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 in respect of licence application reference number MUL240036

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the above licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 11/11/2024. MARA considers that it requires the additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application:

1. The reports submitted with the application (the Project Description Report, AIMU and SISAA) refer to site investigation activities proposed to be undertaken and provide detailed descriptions of the activities which include geophysical, geotechnical, metocean, environmental, archaeological and other surveys. Section 2.2 of the Application Form submitted lists six different Schedule 7 maritime usages in relation to the application, one of which is Schedule 7(3) *'marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000'*.
 - Clarify whether the overall purpose of the application is marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation (Schedule 7(3)).
 - Clarify whether the other Schedule 7 usages listed in Section 2.2 of the Application Form are ancillary to site investigations or are for another purpose other than site investigations.
2. Figure 2.2 in the Project Description Report gives an overview of the locations of the proposed site investigations.

Appendix A of the report provides drawings of indicative locations of where each of the activities is proposed to take place.

Section 2.2 of the report notes that *'as information from the SI works is collected, processed and analysed, it will inform whether additional areas of investigation are required. Therefore the Aoi has been created to provide a wide enough area over which the required SI works can be completed in order to identify preferred locations for all of the PUOSC infrastructure'*.

- Clarify this statement and whether it is intended to carry out site investigation activities in areas other than those shown on Figure 2.2 of the Project Description Report and indicated in the Appendix A drawings, including the seven proposed landfall areas.
3. The Application Form (Item 3.4) lists a number of folios registered as in private ownership within the Area of Interest redline boundary.
- Clarify what site investigation works, if any, you intend to conduct within those folios under private ownership listed.

Please refer to MARA [Technical Guidance](#) when resubmitting the data requested.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within 4 weeks of the date of this notice (**by 14th May 2025**), in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

Please direct any queries to licence@mara.gov.ie.

Your faithfully,

Licensing Team
MARA