


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6th February, 2025

Reference : MUL240001

Request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 in respect of licence application reference number MUL240001

Dear Mr. ,

I refer to the above licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 25th April, 2024. MARA considers that it requires the additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

- The distance between each of the closest known Grey seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) breeding, haul out and moulting sites (as mapped in the Blasket Islands SAC (002172) Conservation objectives supporting document – Marine habitats¹) and the proposed intertidal survey location in MUL application MUL240001, submitted to MARA on 25th April, 2024. This information is requested to assist our assessment of potential disturbance to these Qualifying Interest Species of the SAC.
- More accurate information on the proposed deployment locations of PAM devices 2 and 4 (as shown in Figure 2.1 of the SISAA for this application, submitted to MARA on 25th April, 2024). This is to aid us in our assessment to ensure they do not include areas known to include reef habitat, a QI habitat for the Blasket Islands SAC. Information on mapped reef habitat in the Blasket Islands SAC is available in the Blasket Islands SAC (002172) Conservation objectives supporting document – Marine habitats².

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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, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

Licensing Team
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