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By email only to [REDACTED]

Date: 21/08/2025

Reference: MUL230038

Request for additional information in accordance with section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 in respect of licence application reference number MUL230038

Dear [REDACTED],
CC: [REDACTED]

I refer to the above licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 12/12/2024. MARA considers that it requires further information as set out below in order to determine the licence application:

Dye

1. Please confirm that only Rhodamine WT dye is to be used and, if so, at what concentrations.
2. Provide information on how often the dye is to be used and where (map should be provided in line with MARA Technical Guidance).
3. Provide information on potential impacts on marine species and habitats including degradation time in the marine environment, bioaccumulation risk and the relevant environmental thresholds for QI's of European sites, including habitats, where known.

Anchoring/pontoon

4. Submit a map showing the locations of the proposed water sampling pontoons and other moored equipment including ADCPs, tidal gauges, meters in relation to sensitive Annex II habitats that form part of any overlapping European sites (map should be provided in line with MARA Technical Guidance).
5. Provide the dimensions of the proposed water sampling pontoons to give an indication of scale.
6. Clarify if it is intended that the water sampling pontoons will remain in place for the duration of the proposed maritime usage, or will they be moved around to locations within the study area? If so, provide further information in this regard.
7. Detail anchoring methods for all equipment .
8. Define frequency and duration of proposed activities.

Drones

9. Please confirm that ArcBoat and hydrodrone as referred to in SISAA refer to the same piece of equipment. Detail model specifics, including noise output of hydrodrone/ArcBoat. Please also provide information on proposed access routes, deployment points, proposed drone route, and proposed frequency and duration of usage.
10. Detail aerial drone model specifics, including noise output of aerial drone. Please also provide information on proposed access routes, deployment points, proposed drone route, and proposed frequency and duration of usage.

Disturbance to Annex I species and Annex II habitats

11. River gauge – provide information on installation method and proposed substrate.
12. Provide make and model of MBES to validate claims on noise frequency emission. Detail model specifics, including noise output. Please also provide information on proposed access routes, deployment points, drone route, and proposed frequency and duration of usage.
13. Provide details on vessel (boat and motor) to be used. Please provide details on proposed access points, along with proposed frequency and duration of use (to include a map showing all access points, slipways and piers to be used).
14. Provide details of maximum water depth in which MBES will be deployed, Provide further information on the expected frequency and duration of the MBES surveys.

Please refer to MARA's [Guidance and Technical Mapping note](#) when providing the information requested.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA within 4 weeks of the date of this notice, by 18/09/2025, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

Joanne Staunton
Licensing Team
MARA