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By email only [REDACTED]

19/09/2025

Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

**Re: Port of Waterford
Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: LIC230025**

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) on 08/03/2024.

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

- 1) Confirm that this Maritime Usage Licence application is being made under Schedule 7(1) (i.e. the dredging) and Schedule 7(6) (i.e. deposit of the dredge material at the dump site) of the Maritime Area Planning Act (2021, as amended).
- 2) The application form states that there are multiple foreshore licences/leases held by Port of Waterford. Provide the reference numbers and title of existing foreshore licences/leases held within the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity, of the proposed Maritime Usage Area.
- 3) *Figure 2-2: Offshore disposal site* and Appendix D of the *Assessment of Impacts of the Maritime Usage* includes a Dumping Exclusion Zone – provide an explanation for this exclusion zone and why the offshore deposit site has not been redrawn to exclude this area.

- 4) Submit a dispersion model to show the potential impacts from dredging and deposit at all of the proposed maritime usage areas described in the licence application, i.e. all areas to be dredged and the offshore deposit site. The model should take into consideration spill percentages, as well as campaign scenarios where plough dredging and trailer suction/mechanical dredging could be used simultaneously and separately.
- 5) The Wet Tonnages specified in Appendix C of the Assessment of Impacts of the Maritime Usage tabulates the tonnages per annum. Provide reasons for the significant increase in tonnages requested in this licence application compared to the dredging tonnages authorised for the previous maintenance dredging campaigns.
- 6) The MUL application will be assessed based on the maximum tonnages requested to be dredged and deposited. Submit a revised table of the wet tonnages, as per table in Appendix C of the Assessment of Impacts of the Maritime Usage, to incorporate the contingency figures into each year.
- 7) Provide an assessment into the alternatives to plough dredging for Cheekpoint.
- 8) Further to the previous response to further information please confirm the total area, expressed as hectares, for the proposed maritime usage, in accordance with the [MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications](#).
- 9) Revise the “*Licence Map 1 – Dredge Area Overview*” (Drg No. 636_MUL Application_01) so that the maritime usage areas are denoted in accordance with the [MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications](#), i.e. A, B, C, etc. The revised overview map should include all proposed maritime usage areas applied for, i.e. the offshore deposit site should be included.
- 10) With reference to the strict protection of species listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), confirm if you are required to apply for a derogation licence under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, as amended. If yes, provide details of the application submitted, including the NPWS application reference number or licence derogation number, where a licence has been issued.

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The requested information should be submitted to MARA within **4 weeks** of the date of this notice, i.e. by **16/10/2025**, in order for MARA to assess the licence application.

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

Yours faithfully,

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MARA

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