

**From:** Stephen Riordan (Transport)  
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**To:** MARA Licence  
**Cc:** Transport MSO  
**Subject:** MUL230024 Deep Sea Fibre Networks Request for observations MSO

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the site investigations proposed MUL230024 Deep Sea Fibre Networks Site Investigations from a navigational safety perspective.

However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained. Any hazard to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all mariners operating within or in the vicinity of the license area.
2. **All vessels engaged in the site investigations must conform to Irish Certification standards and, the vessels shall be *manned by suitably qualified personnel*, additionally where equipment is carried an *Irish Load line survey* may be required. The applicant should contact the Marine Survey Office Dublin for clarification in relation to the above matters.**
3. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the [MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie](mailto:MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie). Where a Marine Notice is published and subsequent changes to dates or area of schedule of works *the licensee* must inform MSPD of any relevant changes.
4. The promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period.
5. The licensee should engage directly with local port authorities, fisher organisations and recreational user organisation in the locality with regards to the planned project route.
6. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation (IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner via publication of a marine notice and all available means appropriate.
7. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO), of any activities or establishment of structures that may impact the safety of navigation, in addition to the provision of bathymetry data in order that appropriate navigation charts can be updated. Email: [bathysurveys@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:bathysurveys@ukho.gov.uk) and the INFOMAR program at [support@geodata.gov.ie](mailto:support@geodata.gov.ie)

Regards,

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