

**Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2001, as amended.**

**Consideration of Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, to determine whether it is necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment for a proposed maritime usage the subject of a licence application.**

<b>Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:</b>	MUL230024
<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Deep Sea Fibre Networks Ltd
<b>Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:</b>	Maritime Usage Licence application for marine survey and site investigations for a cable route for the PISCES subsea telecoms cable system from a landfall at Ballyloughane, Co. Galway traversing the Irish Maritime Area to the south west of Ireland.
<b>Type of maritime usage activity in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act, 2021):</b>	<i>Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000.</i>

**Part A - Consideration of schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001**

**Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?**

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, proceed to question 2.

**Answer: No**

**Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001?**

If Yes, proceed to question 3.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

**Answer: No**

**Question 3: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?**

If Yes, EIA screening is required.

If No, EIA screening is not required.

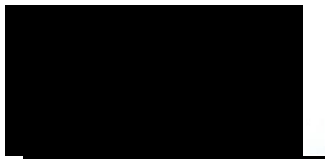
**Answer: No**

**Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001**

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

No boreholes are proposed as part of this maritime usage.

I conclude, that after having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced proposed maritime usage, it is not necessary to carry out a screening for environmental impact assessment.



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