An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuirí Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Minded to Determine Notice

To: Department of Defence, Defence Forces Headquarters, McKee Barracks, Dublin

D07 A065

Re: Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 - Application for a Maritime Usage Licence

Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) Reference: MUL230029 to carry out dredging at

Haulbowline Naval Base, Cork Harbour, and the deposit of dredged material 8 km

southeast of Roches Point outside of Cork Harbour

Date: 11/12/2025

By Electronic mail only: defenceforces.ie dobrien@ayesa.com sgregan@ayesa.com <a href="mailto:s

Dear Applicant,

I refer to your application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for the above

referenced Maritime Usage Licence.

Pursuant to section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 ("the Act"), MARA hereby

gives notice to the Department of Defence that, MARA is minded to grant the above licence

subject to conditions.

Section 119(6)(b) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 provides that MARA must give a notice

to the applicant with the reasons for the conditions and allow the applicant an opportunity to

provide supplementary material in relation to the reasons for further consideration before MARA

makes a final determination on the licence application.

For this purpose, I enclose a copy of the proposed licence with the proposed conditions and the

reasons for these conditions. You may provide supplementary material in view of the reasons



set out in this proposed licence only, which MARA will consider before making a final determination on the licence application. Any supplementary material must be furnished to MARA at licence@mara.gov.ie by the **12/01/2026** at the latest. MARA will not accept any supplementary material after this date.

Where you do not wish to provide such supplementary material to MARA, please confirm same to licence@mara.gov.ie at your earliest convenience. This confirmation will enable MARA to advance to final determination.

For the avoidance of doubt, no decision to grant the licence shall be considered to have been made until MARA makes a final determination on the licence application.

Yours faithfully,

Laura Boia

Laura Brien, Chief Executive

Maritime Area Regulatory Authority