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Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the site investigations proposed in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective.

However, the following shall be noted;

1. Proposed areas of site investigation surveys are located within high density inshore shipping as well as active fishing and recreational traffic. Survey vessels must comply with International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea at all times.
2. A number of submarine cables are located within the proposed survey area, activities shall not interfere with existing submarine cables during site investigation activities..
3. 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 maritime users operating within or in the proximity of the license area.
4. 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 Maritime Safety Policy Division. All applications for the issue of a Marine Notice shall be submitted supported by MAC reference. Where a Marine Notice is **published and ANY subsequent changes to dates of operations, location, or area of schedule of works or vessels engaged** in the operation, the licensee must inform MSPD of such changes in a prompt and timely manner, so that relevant safety of navigation information is provided in an updated Marine Notice.
5. 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.

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 through the publication of a marine notice and all 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 that may impact the safety of navigation, as well as the provision of bathymetry data that is gathered in order to ensure appropriate navigation charts can be updated. Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie
8. **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.**

Regards,

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