

MUL240010: Response to Item 1 of RFI dated 16th October 2025

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Dear Paula,

I refer to MARA's Request for Additional Information, dated 16th October 2025, and specifically Item 1 included therein which the letter requested we respond to as soon as possible.

Please find below the clarification requested.

Q. Clarify whether the overall purpose of the application is marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation (Schedule 7(3)).

A. Yes, the overall purpose of the application is marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation (Schedule 7(3)).

Q. Clarify whether the other Schedule 7 usages listed in Section 2.2 of the Application Form are ancillary to site investigations or are for another purpose other than site investigations

A. The other Schedule 7 usages listed in Section 2.2 of the Application Form are ancillary to site investigations. They were included to ensure that all the proposed activities required for site investigation, including incidental activities, are included in any MUL that MARA may grant. The rationale for including these activities in Section 2.2 is provided in the table below.

Ancillary Activities to Schedule 7(3) Activities	Reason for inclusion
5.The installation of non-permanent platforms, pontoons or slipways.	The SI works will involve the deployment of a jack-up-barge within the MUL boundary. This was considered to be a non-permanent platform from which works will be undertaken for the purposes of site investigation. It will be removed once SI works are complete.
6.The deposit of any substance or object, either in the sea or on or under the seabed, from— (a) a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft or marine structure (other than a pipeline),	The SI works include the deployment of up to two buoys, two ADCP and SAM devices which will be moored to the seabed. These devices and moorings will be deployed from SI vessels. They will be removed once SI works are complete.

7.The use of a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft, marine structure (other than a pipeline) or floating container to remove any substance or object from the seabed.	The SI works include the use of vehicle and vessels (e.g. boats, JUB) for the purposes of taking samples and cores from the seabed during geotechnical, environmental and archaeological sampling campaigns.
11.The deposit, construction or removal of any mooring not requiring authorisation under any other enactment.	The SI works include the deployment of up to two buoys, two ADCP and SAM devices which will be moored to the seabed. They will be removed once SI works are complete.
12.(a) The removal of beach material from, or the disturbance of beach material in, the maritime area otherwise than in the course of the ordinary or reasonable recreational enjoyment of the maritime area. (b) In this paragraph, “beach material” means sand, clay, gravel, shingle, stones, rocks, mineral substances, seashells, coral and maerl and any flora, in or on the surface of the seabed or suspended in the water of the maritime area, and includes outcrops of rock or any other mineral substance above the surface of the seabed	The SI works include the taking of samples and cores from the beach areas and above the surface of the seabed within the MUL boundary during geotechnical, environmental and archaeological sampling campaigns.

We trust the above is in order. However, if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

We are currently reviewing other items, and would appreciate if we could seek clarification in relation to particular items, in advance of submittal.

Kind regards

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