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Subject: RE: RETURN OF Maritime Usage Licence Application MUL240045
Attachments: Foreshore_Licence_Application,_17_May_2023.pdf; 1b Steering Group.pdf; 1c Marine Ecological Succession in Bantry Bay.pdf; 3a Environmental Report.pdf; 3b Annex_IV_Risk_Assessment.pdf; 3c Supporting Information Screening for Appropriate Assessment.pdf; 4 Seabed Sanctuary Constitution.docx.pdf; 5 NMPF compliance.pdf; 20230608_FS007497_Site_Layout.pdf; 20230608_FS007497_Chart.pdf; 20230608_FS007497_Licence_Map.pdf

Dear Ms. Gaughran,

Further to the email below, please now find enclosed your MUL application which is hereby returned to you.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RETURN OF Maritime Usage Licence Application MUL240045

Dear Ms Gaughran

Further to the MARA communications of 12 August 2025 and 29 August 2025 (copies attached for ease of reference).

Maritime Usage Licence application (MUL240045)

With regard to the Maritime Usage Licence application (MUL240045), a request for further information issued on 10th March 2025 requesting a Section 5 Declaration on Planning & Exempted Development from Cork County Council.

Once Cork County Council confirmed that planning/development permission is required for this development, this brings the project within **Part 4** of the MAP Act 2021 whereby a **Maritime Area Consent (MAC)** is required.

As MARA cannot advance this matter through the **Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)** licensing regime administered by MARA (within **Part 5** of the MAP Act 2021), the MUL application documentation (MUL240045) **is hereby returned to you.**

MARA records that the MUL application fee of €2000 was waived for this application pursuant to the provisions of the Maritime Area Usage (Licence Fees) Regulations 2023 – thus, no return of the MUL application fee falls due.

Maritime Area Consent (MAC)

MARA records that a MAC pre-application meeting was held on 08 May 2025 regarding this proposed maritime usage.

Where a proposed maritime usage requires development permission as in this case, then a MAC is required **prior to applying to the local authority for such planning/development permission**.

Section 75(1) of the MAP Act 2021 states that “*where development permission is required for a proposed maritime usage in a part of the maritime area, a person shall not seek, or otherwise have (by whatever means), such permission unless he or she is, in respect of that part, the holder of a MAC for the occupation of that part for the purposes of such usage*”.

Further to your email of 15 October 2025 to the MARA MAC Team, I can advise as follows:

The MAC Application Forms and Guidance are available on the MARA website – [Applying for a Maritime Area Consent - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

Details of the MAC Levy Framework are available on the MARA website – [Levy Framework - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](#)

The MAC Levy is a yearly charge payable by the holder of a MAC for their occupation of the maritime area. The MAC Levy takes effect from the date the MAC is granted, as outlined in the Levy Framework. The MAC Levy is calculated in accordance with the MAC Levy Framework and is subject to review and amendment in accordance with same. You should note in particular that the MAC Levy is updated annually in line with the Harmonised Index of the Consumer Price (HICP). -

To assist you in this regard and based on the information provided in the above referenced MUL application documentation, an indicative MAC Levy payable by the holder of the MAC for this proposed maritime usage is [REDACTED] **year.**

It must be stressed that this is an indicative levy calculation and is provided solely for information purposes and without prejudice to MARA.

November 2025

Estimated Levy Details - For Information Purposes

Description	Value
Levy Part	Part A: Nearshore
Category / Class	Development (non-commercial)
Tier	Tier 4
M ²	78,324.27
Levy Details	Base Annual Charge of [REDACTED] plus an add on of 0.1954 per sq.m for areas in excess of 100 sq.m
Levy Calculation	[REDACTED]
Levy Due	[REDACTED]

Upon your review of the foregoing and should you wish to proceed to a MAC application, please advise by email to MAC@mara.gov.ie to arrange an additional MAC pre-application meeting further to that held on 08 May 2025.

Should you wish not to proceed to a MAC application, please confirm same by email to MAC@mara.gov.ie.

Lastly, any development/planning permission queries are more appropriately dealt with by the relevant planning authority (Cork County Council).

Trusting that this clarifies matters.

Regards

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