

<b>Case Worker Report</b>	
<b>MUL Application for a Material Amendment in accordance with Section 125 of The MAP Act</b>	
To	John Evans, Director of Maritime Usage Licence and Planning Advisory Directorate
From	Paula O'Toole , Licensing Caseworker
Reviewed by	Martina Monaghan, Licensing Manager
Date	01/04/2026
<b>Material Amendment Licence Application:</b>	
Applicant Name	Deep Sea Fibre Networks Ltd
Applicant Address	15 The Seapoint Building, Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 E240, Ireland
MUL Reference Number	MUL230024MA
Date Application received:	04/02/2026
Material Amendment sought	Request an amendment to the existing MUL230024 to remove Specific Condition 37 i) regarding fish spawning and nursery grounds from the Licence to allow the marine usage to be undertaken between 1 <sup>st</sup> February and 30 <sup>th</sup> June.
Supporting Documentation received:	Certificate of Incorporation DSFN, MUL230024 Amendment Report to MUL, Compliance with Objectives of the MSFD, NMPF, WFD, Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species, MUL-Application-for-Material-Amendment, Register of Directors_DSFN
Date Material Amendment was forwarded to Assessment:	13/02/2026
Date MUL Assessment Report was received:	31/03/2026
<b>Determination Previously issued:</b>	
Date Determination issued:	29/05/2025
Schedule 7 activity:	3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000
Description of activity:	Marine Survey and Site Investigations for a cable route for the PISCES subsea telecoms cable system from a landfall at Ballyloughane County Galway traversing the Irish Maritime Area to the south west of Ireland.
Website link:	<a href="#">MUL230024 - MARA - Maritime Area Regulatory Authority</a>
<b>Request for Additional Information -RAI</b>	

Section 117(3) notice issued:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required	Issued: Received:
Document(s) submitted:		
<b>Screening Assessment:</b>		
Screening for EIA: Section 117(5)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: NOT REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Screening for EIA: REQUIRED  Date of Report: 19/02/2026 Signed by Ciar O Toole on 19/02/2026 Approved by John Evans on 02/03/2026 Received by MUL Unit 20/03/2026	
Screening for Appropriate Assessment:  Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477 of 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> Screened IN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screened OUT  Date of AA Screening Report & Determination: 26/03/2026 Signed by Ciar O Toole on 31/03/2026 Approved by John Evans on 31/03/2026	
AA Screening Report and Determination published on MARA website:	Date: 31/03/2026	
<b>Public Consultation – relevant where SCREENED IN</b>		
Was Public Consultation required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Referral to Public Bodies:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> National Parks and Wildlife Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marine Institute <input type="checkbox"/> Bord Iascaigh Mhara <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Fisheries Protection Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Fisheries Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Protection Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner for Irish Lights <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Transport - Marine Survey Office <input type="checkbox"/> National Monuments Service and Dept. of Housing, Local Government & Heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Survey of Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Climate, Energy & the Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Local Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Port Company		



<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Date of Referral to Public Bodies	18/02/2026
Observations from Public Bodies received?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: Number received 3 (MI twice) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Details of Material Amendment</b>	
Applicant's Material Amendment Sought & Reasons:	The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow marine environmental survey for the PISCES telecoms cable to proceed in Irish waters between February and June 2026. Therefore, leading to a request for an amendment to the existing MUL230024 to remove Specific Condition 37 i) regarding fish spawning and nursery grounds from the Licence to allow the marine usage to be undertaken between 1 <sup>st</sup> February and 30 <sup>th</sup> June.
Senior Marine Advisor's Recommendation:	Having considered the information submitted in support of a material amendment under section 125 of the MAP Act, 2021 the original application for MUL2300234, the information submitted as part of public body consultation and my own assessment, I recommend that a material amendment to MUL230024 be granted, removing Specific Condition 37 (i) which states: <i>"The Holder shall not undertake the Permitted Maritime Usage between 1st February and 30th June annually, to ensure least disturbance to known fish spawning along the survey route."</i>

<b>Recommendation</b>	
Caseworker Recommendation	To approve the <i>Granting</i> of the material amendment sought.  Action: Remove Specific Condition 37i from the original Licence issued on <b>29/05/2025</b>

**Signed by (Caseworker)**                      **Paula O'Toole**  
**Date**    **01/04/2026**

<b>Annex 1 – List of Accompanying Documents:</b>	
Material Amendment Application	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MUL Assessment Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minded To Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amended Licence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>