An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Marine Survey Office

Leeson Lane,

Dublin 2

1st May 2026

Subject: MUL260007 Uisce Castletown Estuary, Co Louth Marine Environmental Survey SI Request for Observations

Good day,

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

However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Licensee shall arrange for the publication of a Local Notice to Mariners through the Port Dundalk Harbour Master.

   Where a Local Notice to mariners is published ANY subsequent changes to dates of operations, location, area of schedule of works or vessels engaged in the operation, the Local Notice to Mariners must be updated in a prompt and timely manner, so that relevant safety of navigation information is provided to local maritime users.

2. Local notice to mariners published relating the proposed surveys shall be provided to the UKHO within 5 days at sdr@ukho.gov.uk.

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 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.

5. All vessels engaged in proposed activities must conform to Irish licencing and certification standards and manned by suitably qualified personnel.The applicant shall contact mso@tansport.gov.ie for clarification in relation to the above matters.

6. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to inform United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) sdr@UKHO.gov.uk, of any activities that may impact the safety of navigation including deployment of equipment and survey activities.

7. All bathymetry data gathered during the proposed surveys shall be shared with UKHO and INFOMAR to ensure appropriate navigation safety information and charts can be updated. Email: sdr@UKHO.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie.

Regards,

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