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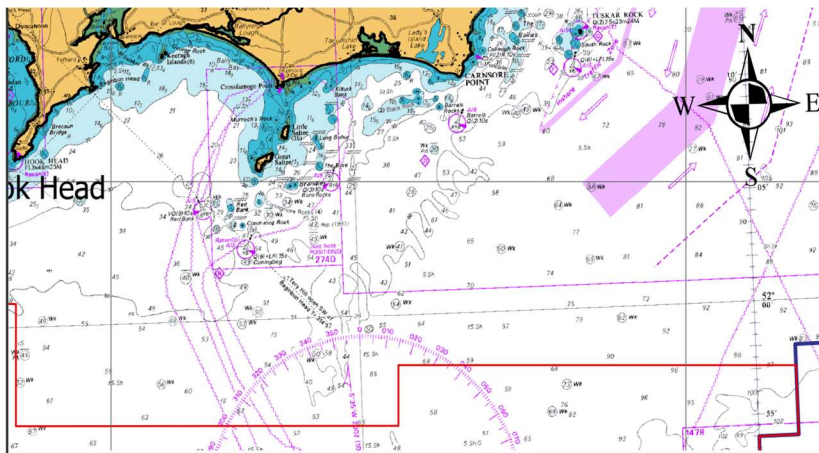
Subject: MUL260021 DCEE SC- DMAP GGMB Survey Investigations

Good day,

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

However, the following shall be noted;

1. The licensee shall be aware that established international and coastal shipping lanes exist off the south coast of Ireland. Vessels engaged in survey investigation operations shall navigate with extreme caution and in compliance with their responsibilities under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
2. The northern boundary to the east of the proposed survey investigation area is approximately four nautical miles south of the termination of the Tuskar Rock Traffic Separation Scheme. Vessels engaged in survey investigation operations in this area shall navigate with extreme caution and aware of the reduced navigable sea room near the imposed by the Great Saltee Islands west of the Tuskar Rock TSS.





3. The Licensee shall note the proposed Site Investigation Area contains a multitude of international submarine cables and pipelines. The licensee shall ensure that all precautions are adopted during Site Investigations to avoid interference, disruption and against any and all damage to the established submarine cables.

“SUBMARINE CABLES AND PIPELINES

“Mariners should not anchor, trawl or engage in seabed operations in the vicinity of submarine cables and pipelines. Submarine cables support national infrastructure; damage to them may affect critical services and can result in serious consequences, as well as creating a potential hazard to mariners. Wilful or neglectful damage to a cable may result in legal action. Pipelines are not always buried and their presence may significantly reduce the charted depth. They may also span seabed undulations and cause fishing gear to become irrecoverably snagged, putting a vessel in severe danger”.

4. The Licensee engage with the Port of Cork Harbour Master regarding planned survey investigation operations in the approaches to and within port limits of the Port of Cork.
5. 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 or MUL reference.

Where a Marine Notice is published and ANY subsequent changes to dates of operations, location, 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.

6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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
9. All vessels engaged in proposed activities must conform to Irish Certification standards and, vessels shall be manned by suitably qualified personnel. Where equipment is carried for survey activities an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant shall contact mso@transport.gov.ie for clarification in relation to the above matters.
10. The deployment of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships are currently permitted on a case by case basis within the Irish Maritime Jurisdiction. Intentions to deploy MASS in proposed site investigations must be approved by the Marine Survey Office mso@transport.gov.ie
11. 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 including deployment of equipment and survey activities. All bathymetry data gathered 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

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