An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Marine Survey Office
Leeson Lane,
Dublin 2

21st of August 2026

Subject: MUL260051 Oriel Windfarm Cable Corridor MES Site Investigations

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the proposed dredging 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, 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.

2. 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.

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 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@tansport.gov.ie for clarification in relation to the above matters.

6. 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

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

8. 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

Regards,

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