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Date 20/10/2026

Request for Additional Information: Section 117(3) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

Maritime Usage Licence Application Reference: MUL260051

Dear Applicant,

I refer to the above referenced maritime usage licence application received by the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

MARA considers that it requires additional information as set out below in order to determine the licence application.

Attachment 3.1 – Schedule of Works

- Table 2.2 of Attachment 3.1 – Schedule of Works gives an estimated project schedule. Clarify whether it is proposed that the geotechnical and geophysical surveys will be undertaken yearly during Years 1 to 3/5, or once in any of those years?
- Section 2.7.4 of Attachment 3.1 – Schedule of Works notes that potting and trawl surveys will be conducted. Provide full details of these proposed surveys including the equipment to be used and indicative survey locations.
- Section 2.9.3 refers to the use of Unmanned Survey Vessels (USVs) (also referred to in Section 2.1.9.3 of the Natura Impact Statement). It is proposed that USVs will be escorted to the survey area with a manned vessel and a pre-watch MMO survey completed prior to commencement of the survey. Clarify which surveys are proposed to be undertaken from a USV. Is it proposed that the MMO will be present on the manned vessel for the duration of the surveys or for the pre-watch only? Clarify whether the MMO can comply with the national Guidance to Manage the Risk to Marine Mammals from Man-made Sound Sources in Irish Waters (National Parks and Wildlife Service, 2014), for instance in

monitoring line changes and breaks in sound output.

Subsea Noise Technical Report

- Table 4.1 of the Subsea Noise Technical Report appears to give different Sound Pressure Levels to those provided in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for Side Scan Sonar (235dB peak level re 1µPa at 1 m range in AA Screening Report and stated as 165 dB in the noise report). Clarify the SPL from the SSS proposed to be used and the appropriateness of the modelled SSS.

- Attachment 4.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report It is noted in the AA Screening that no evidence of biogenic reef was found during site specific surveys in 2019. Clarify whether biogenic reef habitat was found during any subsequent surveys in the MUL application area.

The requested information should be submitted to MARA (by email to licence@mara.gov.ie) within 3 weeks of the date of this notice, (by **10/11/2026)** in order for MARA to assess the licence application. Should you require an extension to this date (for good and sufficient reason), please contact us at your earliest possible opportunity.

Please refer to MARA's Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) when providing the information requested.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Maritime Usage Licensing Team at licence@mara.gov.ie.

Yours faithfully,

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MARA