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RE: MUL260011 – Salv Ocean

A Chara,

The Marine Divisions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on the application submitted by Salv Ocean. The proposed project consists of an offshore survey and cargo salvage campaign at the RMS Laconia wreck site within the proposed Marine Usage Licence (MUL) area

It is essential that the sea-fishing and aquaculture sectors are fully recognised and given a high priority as a long-standing, pre-existing, and traditional activity in the marine environment as the proposed site investigation works are being evaluated.

Fishers and aquaculture site holders are primary food producers dependent upon certain marine areas which are particularly important for food production. This primary production is critical to supplying the downstream indigenous seafood processing and export industries and in sustaining the livelihoods of coastal communities. The importance of these primary and secondary food production activities is reflected in the Government's Food Vision 2030 policy.

To inform the DAFM comments, the observations of the Marine Institute (MI) the application were requested.

The MI note that the applicant has considered the impacts of the proposed works on a number of fish stocks and fisheries. While vessel and survey noise will be above background levels locally any effects are expected to be temporary and spatially limited. Any impact related to disturbance of fishing activities will be minimal.

The MI agree with the application documents that the salvage works won't impact any fish stocks, fisheries, or aquaculture sites. As the MUL relates to a salvage operation on a wreck it is anticipated there would be no impact on fishing activities or surveys in the area. Neither would there be any lasting impact on fish stocks.

DAFM recognises that the developer's aim is to promote co-existence and minimise potential disruption to commercial fishing activities in the area. The principles in the National Marine Planning Framework of avoiding, minimising, or mitigating impacts on access to existing activities (including specific policies on Fisheries and Aquaculture) should be followed and any proposed development activity should incorporate the principle of maximising coexistence with established activities in marine areas.

Please also find attached observations from the MI for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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