

# Marine Notice No. 09 of 2024

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

## Notification of offshore support works for the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) operations at Baginbun Beach, Co. Wexford

### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Greenlink Interconnector Ltd. (GIL) is developing an electricity interconnector between the South-East of Ireland, from Great Island, County Wexford to the South-West of Wales, at Pembroke, Pembrokeshire.

To allow the offshore cable to be pulled onshore in a later stage, an onshore based Sub-Contractor Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCV) has completed drilling and diving operations at the Baginbun Beach landfall site for installation of 2 High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) ducts. There are 2 HDPE ducts with a bellmouth installed in front of Baginbun Beach. Both pipes are stabilized with 6 rock bags per pipe.

All operations related to the installation of the HDPE ducts are completed. The HDPE pipes and rock bags will be in place until effective High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cable installation, which is expected to start on 1 April 2024. The dive preparations will start from approximately 20 March 2024.

#### 2. Location of Activity

HVDC cable installation works will take place in the area as marked in the map provided in the Appendix to this Marine Notice and within the area bounded by the coordinates provided in the table below.

Point	Latitude	Longitude
Point 1	52° 11.1' N	006° 48.8' W
Point 2	52° 10.6' N	006° 48.5' W
Point 3	52° 10.5' N	006° 49.7' W
Point 4	52° 10.8'N	006° 49.8' W

Please note a yellow marker buoy was installed between the two bellmouths to serve as a warning to mariners of the local reduction in water depth due to the presence of the rock bags. However, the deployed marker buoy washed away following Storm Isha on 23 January 2024. There is currently no marker buoy installed.

The water depth at this location is approximately 11.5m LAT and the height of the rock bag stack is limited to 1.5m maximum, so the available water depth is not expected to pose a risk to the marine traffic in the nearshore area.

#### 3. Contact Details

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and of <u>Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007</u>, which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping* (*Collision Regulations*) (*Ships and Water Craft on the Water*) Order 2012 [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress* (*Ships*) *Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. <u>See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013</u>. These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2; Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: <u>www.irishstatutebook.ie</u>.

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Encl: Appendix: Landfall Greenlink working area Ireland.

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