



Marine Notice No. 27 of 2024

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

South East Coast of Ireland Celtic Interconnector Project Trenching Trials

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Asso.Subsea that they will be performing trenching trials on behalf of Nexans for CIDAC as part of the Celtic Interconnector Project. The trenching trials will be located at various points along the planned route between the southeast coast of Ireland and the northern coast of France. The trials will take place between **13 May 2024** and **30 May 2024**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The trenching trials will be conducted within the cable corridor extending +/-200m each side of the planned cable centreline. One trial location has been identified to be trenched and the relevant waypoint is provided in the Table below. It is estimated this section of the campaign will last 3 days. Further information can be found in the maps set out in the Appendices to this Notice.

Table: Trial Waypoint

Location ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	51° 32.4804'N	007° 46.5576'W

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The works will be conducted by the vessel “**Athena**” (**Call Sign: SVDO4**). During the trenching trials, the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre, and therefore all mariners are advised to provide a wide berth and navigate the area with caution. The vessel will keep a listening watch on VHF channel 16 and will actively transmit an AIS signal. A listening watch will also be maintained on VTS VHF Channels as appropriate. The trenching vessel shall broadcast daily, and at shorter intervals as may be required by passing traffic,

the vessel position, operational information, and planned operations for the next twenty-four hours.

4. Contact Details

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), 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]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: Appendix 1: Map of Celtic Interconnector Route
Appendix 2: Celtic Interconnector Irish Waters

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The Marine Survey Office, email: MSO@transport.gov.ie.

For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, email:

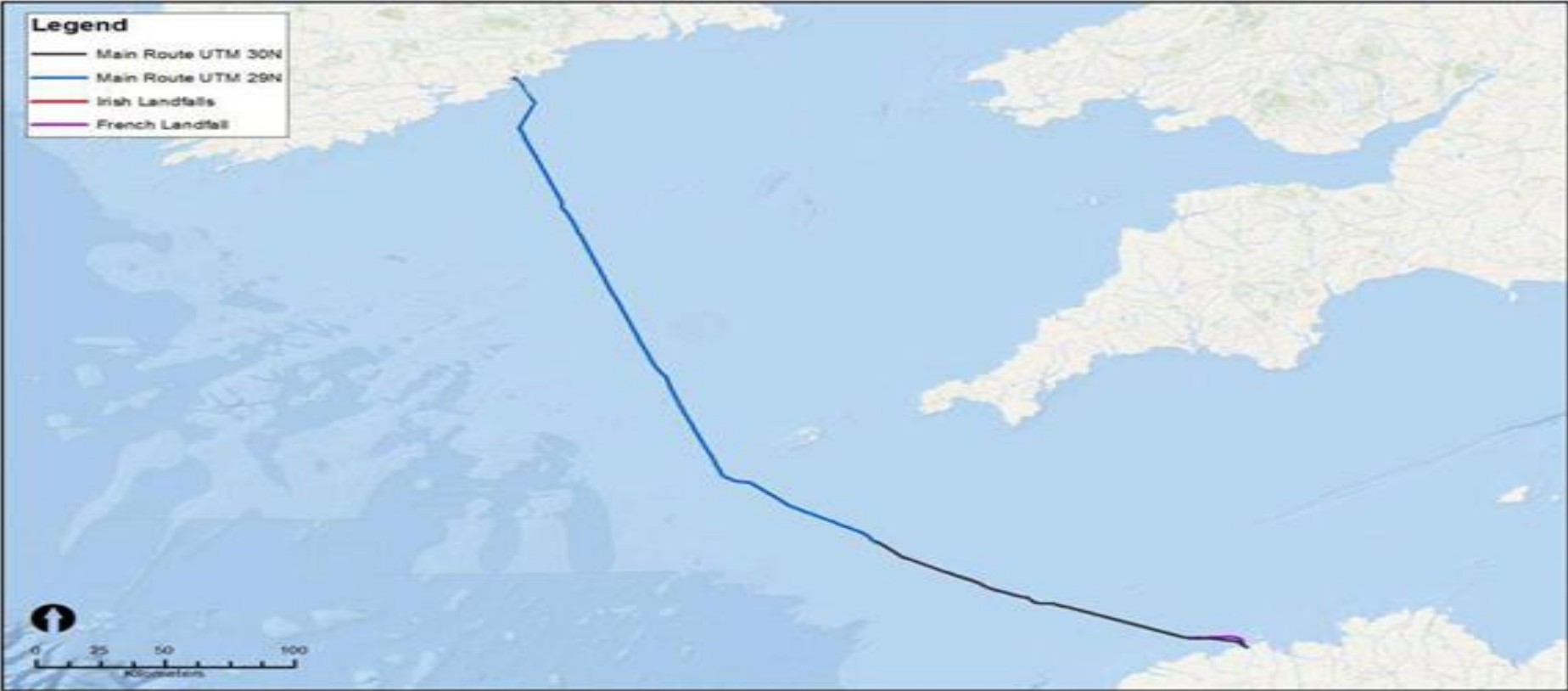
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Appendix 2: Celtic Interconnector Irish Waters

