



Marine Notice No. 01 of 2022

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

Installation of Havhingsten fibre optic telecommunication cable system in the Irish Sea (continuing operations)

Updated 11/01/2022

1. Notice of activity

Further to Marine Notices No. 45 of 2021, No. 64 of 2021 and No. 65 of 2021, the Department of Transport has been advised that **Post Lay Inspection and Burial (PLIB)** of the Havhingsten fibre optic telecommunication cable system in the Irish Sea is planned to occur in early January 2022.

Works outside Irish and Isle of Man Territorial Waters (TW) are planned to start on **14 January 2022** until **20 January 2022**, subject to weather.

The cable has been installed and is surface laid at the locations detailed below until the PLIB takes place. It is advised that extra care is taken when vessels are operating near this area and that no vessel should trawl within 500m.

2. Location and Details of Activity

Installation will be via industry standard burial tools including water jetting with Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV). Target cable burial depth is 1.5m below seabed level in the region.

There will be 2 locations where PLIB will be performed, at Final Splice (FS) location outside Irish TW, and at Branching Unit (BU) location outside Isle of Man TW.

Coordinates of the 2 discrete locations are provided below:

Location	Latitude	Longitude	Location
Final Splice (FS)	53° 38.6200' N	5° 40.3271' W	Irish EEZ
Branching Unit (BU)	53° 50.9783' N	4° 59.3763' W	IoM/UK EEZ

Further location information is available in Appendix 1.

3. Details of Vessel

The operations will be conducted by the cable installation vessel “**CS Ile d’Aix**” (callsign: **FICI**). The Vessel will be working throughout 24 hours and will display appropriate day shapes, and lights during reduced visibility and night operations.

All vessels operating within this area are requested to keep their distance and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash.

4. Contact Details

Any enquiries about these operations should be directed to the following:

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and are reminded 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, 52 St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: Appendix 1

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Appendix 1 – Havhingsten Cable Overview – blue boxes indicate areas within which there are surface-laid cables and where the PLIB works will be undertaken.

