



Marine Notice No. 75 of 2023

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

Irish Sea Gas Interconnector – Shallow Water Surveys in the Irish Sea

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a geophysical survey, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) diving and an offshore survey of the pipeline landfalls in Scotland's Brighthouse Bay and Ross Bay, Kirkcudbright and Ireland (Loughshinny and Gormanston) will take place between **14 November and 31 December 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints. The surveys will begin in Scottish waters on **14 November** before moving into Irish waters on **19 November**.

2. Location of Activity

The survey vessels will conduct a geophysical, ROV and offshore survey of the pipeline landfalls. These shallow water surveys will extend to a depth of approximately 10m below the lowest astronomical tide (LAT) at each location. The table below displays the co-ordinates of where the pipelines enter Irish waters and where they make landfall. Further details can be found in the map provided in the Appendix to this notice.

	Latitude	Longitude
IC1 – Entry into Irish Waters	53° 44.7145'N	005° 19.4544'W
IC1 – Nearshore Survey extent	53° 32.5667'N	006° 3.0163'W
IC1 – Landfall location	53° 32.2346'N	006° 5.0451'W
IC2 – Entry into Irish Waters	53° 51.0287'N	005° 44.5027'W
IC2 – Nearshore Survey Extent	53° 39.5769'N	006° 10.5982'W
IC2 – Landfall location	53° 38.6658'N	006° 13.0881'W

3. Details of the Survey Vessels

The surveys will be conducted by the vessels “**AMS Panther**” (Call Sign: **2EHC2**) and “**4Winds**” (Call Sign: **PCPE**), both of which will work on a **24-hour basis**. The near shore surveys to approx. 10m below chart datum will be done by the “**AMS Panther**” and outside that by the “**4Winds**”. During the surveys and ROV diving operations, the vessels will be displaying the relevant International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCS) day shapes and night lights and will be monitoring **VHF Channels 12 and 16**. Due to ROV operations being operated from the vessel, all passing vessels are requested to leave a wide berth during the operations and operate at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters, should be directed to the Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO):

- **Jim Andrews**
Email: jim@awjmarine.co.uk
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Please note there will be no FLO on board the “**AMS Panther**” or “**4Winds**” during operations. However, the FLO will be contactable onshore using the above contact details.

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: Map of Operations Area

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:

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

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

MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie.

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Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.

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Appendix: Map of Operations Area

