



Marine Notice No. 32 of 2024

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

South-East Coast of Ireland Celtic Interconnector Project Boulder Clearance and Pre-Trenching Operations

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been notified by Asso.subsea that they will be performing boulder clearance and pre-trenching works on behalf of Nexans for Celtic Interconnector Designated Activity Company (CIDAC) as part of the Celtic Interconnector Project. The works will be located at various points along the planned route between the south-east coast of Ireland and the northern coast of France. The works will begin on **2 June 2024** and will continue until **10 November 2024**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The boulder clearance and pre-trenching operations will be conducted within the cable corridor extending +/-500m to each side of the planned cable centreline. The relevant waypoints within Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters are provided in the table below. Further details can be found in the maps set out in the appendices to this Marine Notice.

Table: Operation Waypoints

Latitude	Longitude
51° 53.6990'N	007° 49.0020'W
51° 47.6139'N	007° 44.9579'W
51° 39.2571'N	007° 50.2516'W
51° 30.7804'N	007° 45.6342'W
51° 29.9268'N	007° 44.9536'W
51° 28.9300'N	007° 44.6343'W
51° 14.3402'N	007° 36.8000'W
51° 12.5830'N	007° 36.6091'W
51° 11.0041'N	007° 35.0148'W
50° 39.9990'N	007° 18.7236'W

3. Details of the Survey Vessels

The works will be conducted by the trenching support vessel “Aethra” (Call Sign: SVDM6), which will display the relevant lights and shapes during periods of restricted manoeuvrability and adhere to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and all licencing requirements. During the boulder clearance and pre-trenching operations, 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 vessel will 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.

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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

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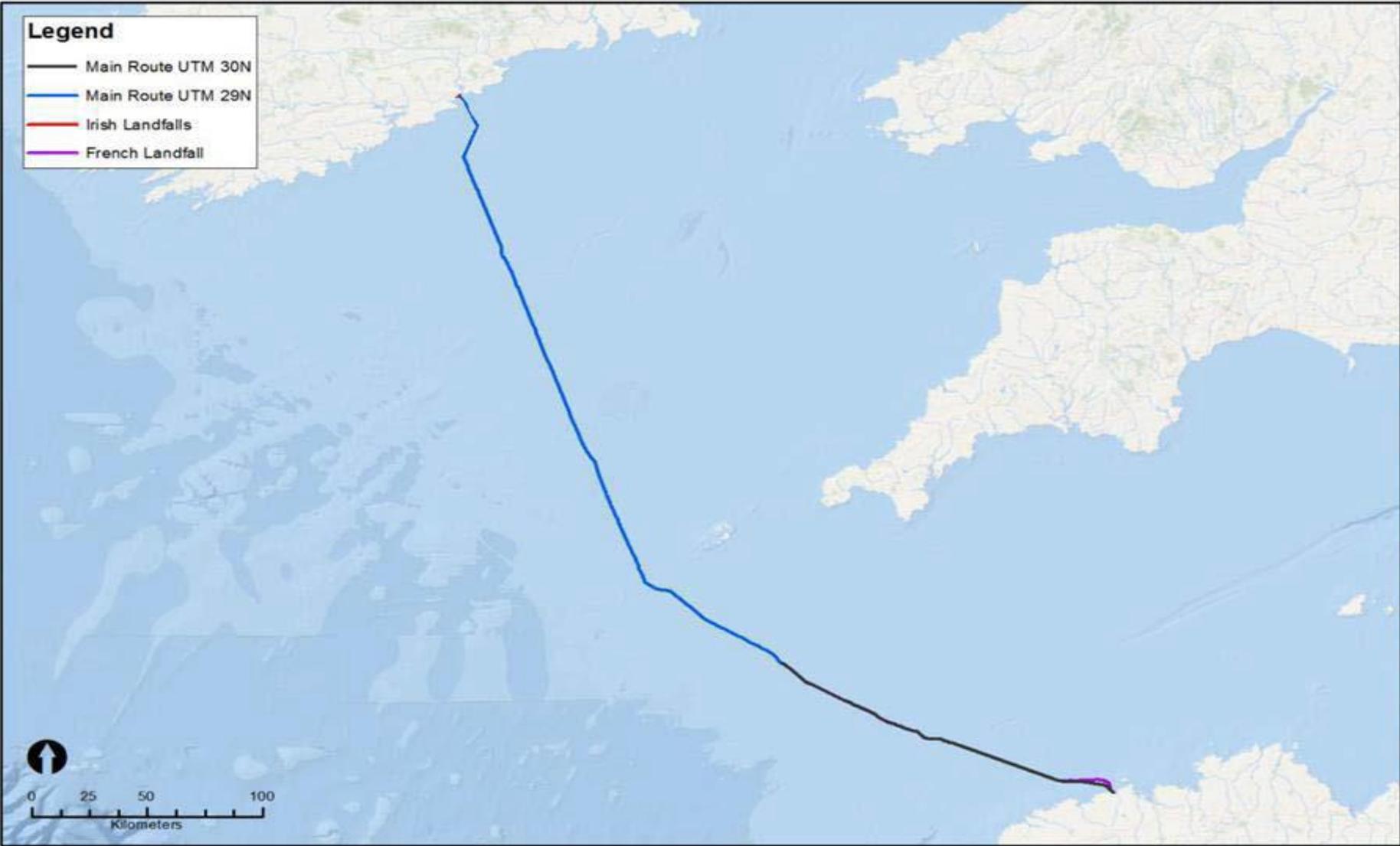
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Encl: Appendix 1: Map of Celtic Interconnector Route
Appendix 2: Map of Operations Area in Irish EEZ Waters

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