



Marine Notice No. 45 of 2021

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

Installation of Havhingsten fibre optic cable system in the Irish Sea

1. Notice of activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that installation of the Havhingsten fibre optic telecommunication cable system is planned to commence 23 August 2021 in the Irish Sea outside of the Irish 12 nautical miles until 23 September 2021. Works within the Irish 12 nautical miles are planned from December 2021 subject to weather and operational conditions. There will also be associated rock placement operations post cable installation at four locations within the western Irish Sea and these works are expected in Quarter 4 of 2021, weather permitting.

2. Location and Details of Activity

The entire cable system will comprise marine elements that pass from Denmark to the UK (NE region); from the UK (NW) to Ireland; with two segments installed into landfalls on the Isle of Man. The cable route for the western Irish Sea region is shown in Appendix 1, landing at Loughshinny in Ireland. Works in August-September 2021 will stop at the Irish 12 nautical miles.

The operations will take place in the locations below:

Region	Block	Label	Latitude	Longitude
IRE EEZ	Block 1	A	53° 38.815' N	005° 40.689' W
IRE EEZ	Block 1	B	53° 44.914' N	005° 20.389' W
IRE EEZ	Block 1	C	53° 44.891' N	005° 19.452' W
IRE EEZ	Block 1	D	53° 44.351' N	005° 19.480' W
IRE EEZ	Block 1	E	53° 44.385' N	005° 20.147' W
IRE EEZ	Block 1	F	53° 38.332' N	005° 40.285' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	A	53° 44.891' N	005° 19.452' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	B	53° 44.861' N	005° 18.871' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	C	53° 48.056' N	005° 8.733' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	D	53° 51.181' N	004° 59.700' W

IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	E	53° 50.704' N	004° 59.274' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	F	53° 47.583' N	005° 8.297' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	G	53° 44.342' N	005° 18.581' W
IRE & UK EEZ	Block 2	H	53° 44.351' N	005° 19.480' W
0-12nm	Block 1	A	53° 32.872' N	006° 4.728' W
0-12nm	Block 1	B	53° 34.093' N	005° 56.714' W
0-12nm	Block 1	C	53° 35.374' N	005° 52.385' W
0-12nm	Block 1	D	53° 34.933' N	005° 51.839' W
0-12nm	Block 1	E	53° 33.578' N	005° 56.444' W
0-12nm	Block 1	F	53° 32.350' N	006° 4.502' W
0-12nm	Block 2	A	53° 35.374' N	005° 52.385' W
0-12nm	Block 2	B	53° 38.815' N	005° 40.689' W
0-12nm	Block 2	C	53° 38.332' N	005° 40.285' W
0-12nm	Block 2	D	53° 34.933' N	005° 51.839' W

Rock placement operations post cable installation at four locations below:

Rock Placement Location Name	Latitude	Longitude
Western HVDC (Seg 1.5)	53° 45.9874' N	003° 48.9241' W
Western HVDC (Seg 1.4)	53° 53.8237' N	004° 34.1796' W
Western HVDC (Seg 1.2)	53° 54.6777' N	004° 58.3692' W
Interconnector 1 (Seg 1.1)	53° 44.6268' N	005° 19.5120' W

Further location information is available in Appendix 2.

3. Details of Vessel

The operations will be conducted by the cable installation vessel **CS Recorder** (callsign: **MATL3**). Vessels 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. Installation will be via industry standard burial tools including water jetting and ploughing. Target cable burial depth is 1.5m below seabed level in the region. It is anticipated that installation operations in UK/Irish waters will occupy up to a maximum 500m width (250m either side of cable). The cable itself will occupy only 40mm of the seabed. Expected speed of installation will be approximately 17 km per day.

4. Contact Details

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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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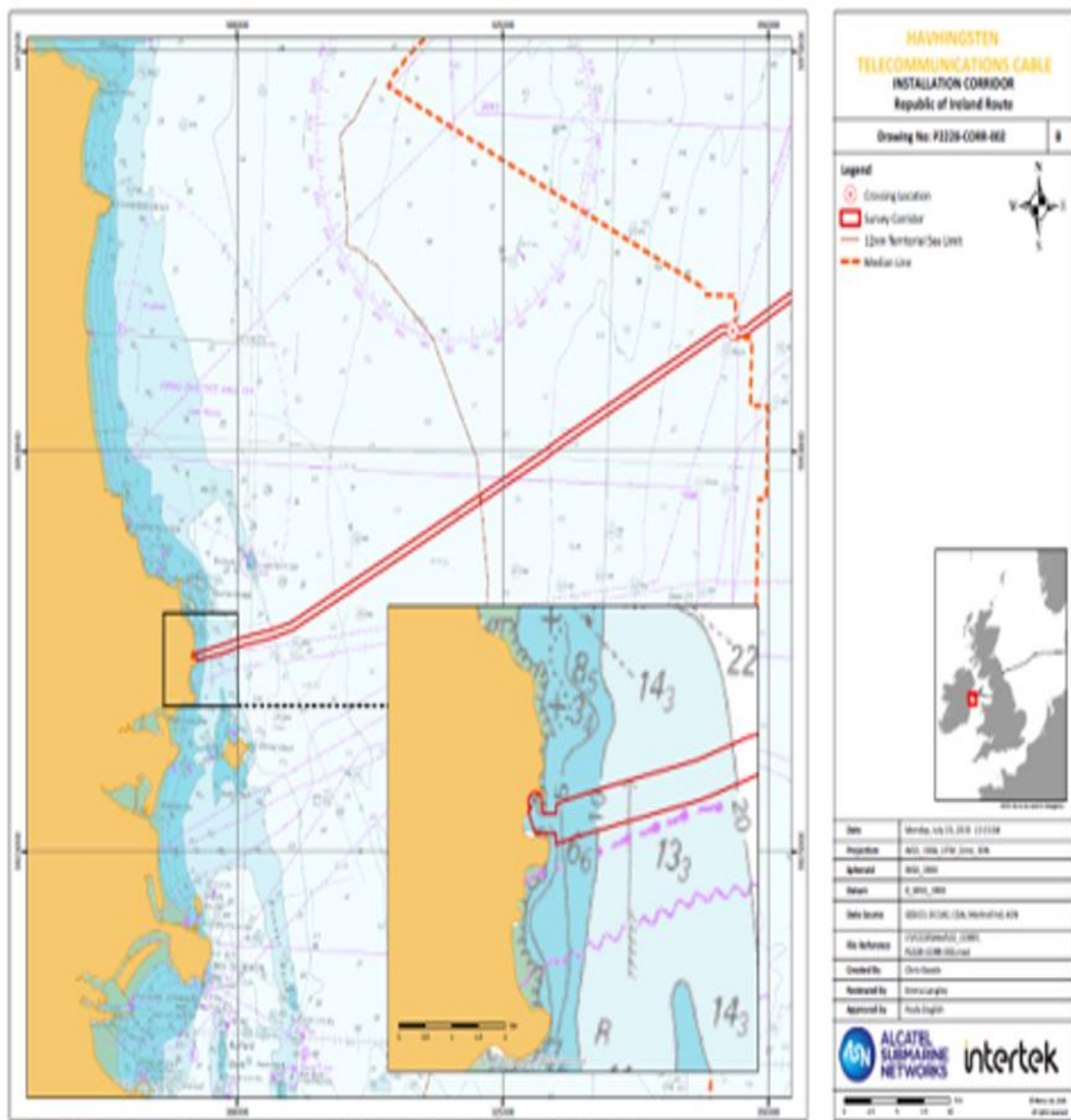
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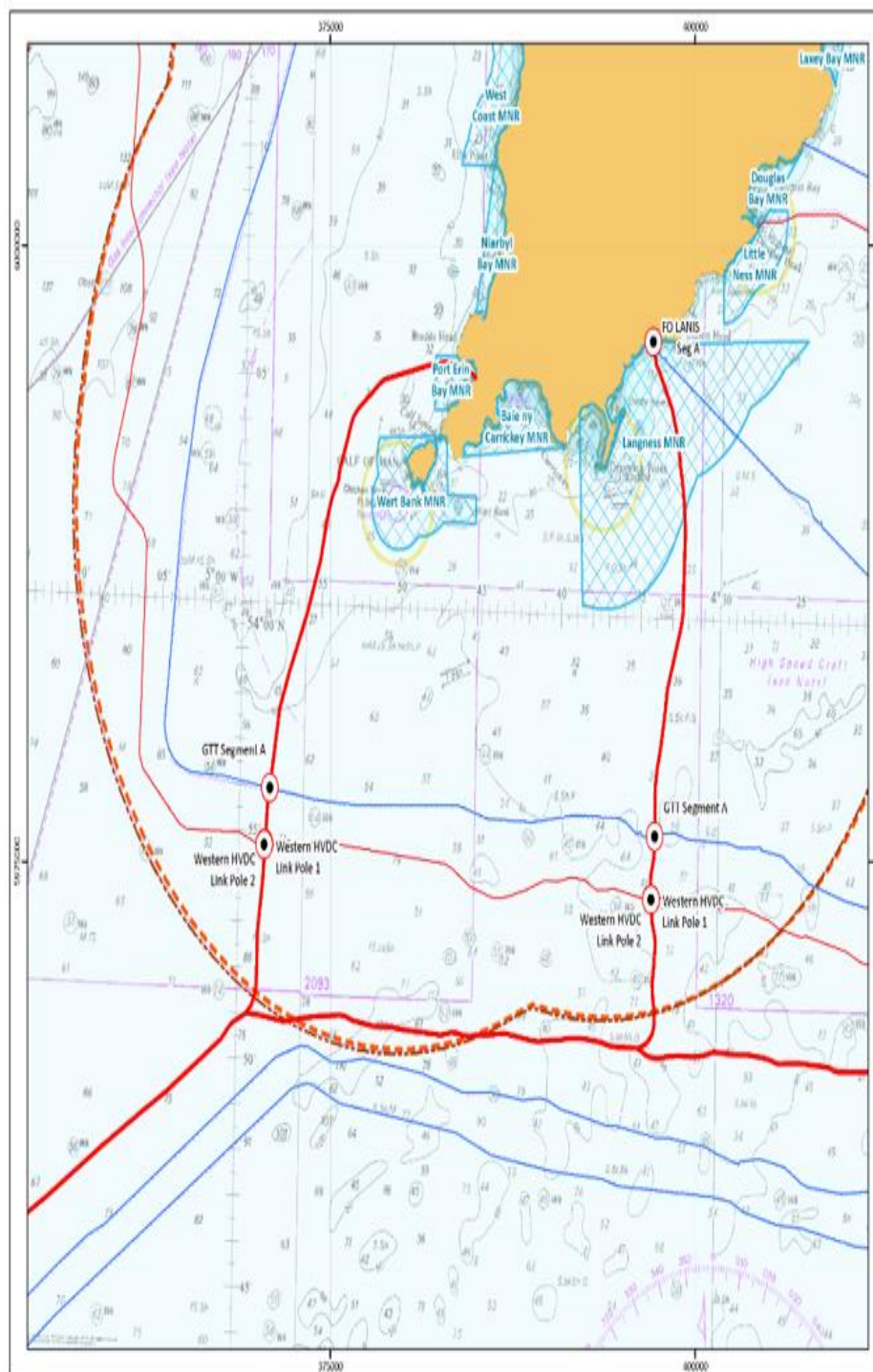
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Encl: Appendix 1 – Cable route for Western Irish Sea
Appendix 2 – Location of activity

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Appendix 1 The cable route for the western Irish Sea region





HAVINGSTEN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLE
ASSET CROSSING LOCATIONS
Isle of Man Route

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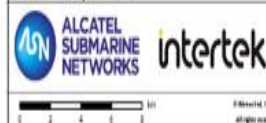
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-  Crossing Location
-  Havgjengen Cable Route
-  12nm Territorial Sea Limit
-  Median Line
-  Power Cable
-  Telecom Cable
-  Marine Nature Reserves



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Appendix 2 Location of Activity

Works will be carried out within the following blocks:

August – September 2021

