



Marine Notice No. 24 of 2022

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

**Kinsale Head Gas Fields
Decommissioning activities on Alpha and Bravo
Platform with Semi-Submersible Self-propelled
Crane Unit – Thialf**

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by PSE Kinsale Energy Limited that the Kinsale Head platform removal campaign will commence from late May 2022 and is expected to run through to September 2022. This is part of the Kinsale Area Decommissioning Project. The semi-submersible self-propelled crane unit “Thialf” has been selected to perform the campaign.

The Thialf will work for a planned period on the removal of both platforms which will be removed in a number of sections and backloaded to cargo barges. The backloading of the removed components on cargo barges is planned at the offshore location but may be performed at a nearshore backloading location depending on environmental conditions.

2. Location of Activity

The activities will be undertaken off the South-Coast of Ireland at various locations. There will be three areas of operation. A weather-monitoring buoy (wave-rider buoy) will be deployed between the two platforms at the location shown below for the duration of the works.

- Alpha Platform, CELTIC SEA Block 49/16
- Bravo Platform, CELTIC SEA Block 48/20
- Nearshore backloading location, near Old Head of Kinsale

Vessel Name	Heading (True)	Location Details
Thialf	Various	51° 22' 14.818" North, 07° 56' 42.205" West, 5 691 704.0 m Northing and 573 436.0 Easting
Alpha Platform, CELTIC SEA = 49/16		

Vessel Name	Heading (True)	Location Details
Thialf	Various	51° 21' 28.832" North, 08° 00' 56.234" West, 5 690 524.0m Northing and 568 539.0 Easting
Bravo Platform, CELTIC SEA = 48/20		

Vessel Name	Heading (True)	Location Details
Thialf	Various	51° 36' 40.9" North, 08° 28' 31.1" West,
Nearshore backloading location		

Item Name	Heading (True)	Location Details
Waverider	Various	51° 19' 00.6" North, 08° 01' 00.1" West,
Waverider buoy location		

All co-ordinates are referenced to: UTM 29N, International Spheroid, ED50, CM 9°W and water depth at Alpha and Bravo platform locations is c. 90m (295ft).

All vessels can be contacted on VHF CH. 16 throughout the operation.

All vessels, particularly those engaged in fishing, are requested to give the vessels a wide berth and to keep a sharp lookout in the relevant areas.

3. Details of the Vessels

The following vessels will be involved during the decommissioning activities:

The campaign will be conducted by the **“Thialf”** (Call Sign **3EAA4**) semi-submersible self-propelled crane unit, which will be positioned on DP.

The anchor handling vessels that will accompany the Thialf throughout the entire campaign are the **MV “Kolga”** (Call Sign **PCTR**) and the **MW “Bylgia”** (call Sign **PBMQ**).

The crew transfer vessel **“Merel-G”** (call Sign **HO6511**) will be used for transfer of crew between the vessels and shore throughout all operations.

Cargo barges **“H-541”**, **“H-407”** and **“H-542”** towed by **MV “Kolga”** or **MV “Bylgia”**.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other matters, should be directed to:

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Encl: Appendix 1 Location of Operation Activity

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