



Marine Notice No. 12 of 2021

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

Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Southwest Kinsale Gasfield

1. Notice of Works

The Department of Transport has been advised by PSE Kinsale Energy Limited that a Subsea Wells Abandonment Campaign will commence between 22 - 24 March 2021 weather depending and is expected to continue until November 2021. This is part of the Kinsale Area Decommissioning Project. The Stena Spey Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) has been selected to perform the campaign that will be undertaken off the South Coast of Ireland at various locations. There will be three areas of operation:

- Southwest Kinsale Gasfield (including Greensand location)
- Seven Heads Gasfield
- Ballycotton Gasfield

This notice relates to activities in the Southwest Kinsale Gasfield area.

2. Detail of Works

In advance of the Stena Spey arriving, the intent is to pre-lay the eight (8) anchor mooring spreads at the locations outlined, with these operations expect to happen from mid/late March 2021, using the vessels outlined below. A total of 600m of anchor chain will be pre-laid at each of the anchor lines with a 600ft laydown pennant to aid recovery and connection to the rig anchor chain on arrival of the Stena Spey. The Stena Spey will arrive early April 2021 and during the time between anchor pre-lay and the Stena Spey arrival, the Guard Vessel MV "VOS Pathfinder" (Call Sign: **2AL07**), will remain on station.

On arrival, the Stena Spey will work between these two moored rig locations for an expected period of 90 days (subject to weather conditions), before moving to the PSE Kinsale Energy Limited operated Seven Heads Gasfield.

Please note further Marine Notices will be issued in advance of the Stena Spey re-positioning to the Seven Heads Gasfield and then again when it re-positions to the Ballycotton Gasfield later in 2021.

3. Details of Vessels

The “Stena Spey” (Call Sign: **GCWP**) semi-submersible drilling rig will be positioned using eight pre-laid anchors deployed by the attending anchor handling vessels.

The anchor handling vessels that will accompany the Stena Spey throughout the entire campaign are the MV “Maersk Maker” (Call Sign: **OZGO2**), and the MV “Maersk Mariner” (Call Sign: **OWGQ2**).

In addition to the term charter Anchor Handling Vessels, the rig will also have an adhoc Anchor Handling Vessel (MV Maersk Lancer), which will operate under the Call Sign **OUHX2**, and a permanent Standby Vessel (MV “VOS Pathfinder” that will be in the field throughout all operations and operates under the (Call Sign: **2ALO7**).

All vessels will be listening on VHF CH. 16 throughout the operation.

4. Location of Rigs and Anchors

4.1: The Stena Spey Rig will be positioned as set out below:

RIG POSITION AT SWK3 (48/25-3) and GREENSANDS (48/25-6).			
Rig Name	Pivot point	Heading (True)	Location Details
Stena Spey	Centre Rig	270°	WGS84: 51° 19' 32.850" N 008° 06' 01.128" W

RIG POSITION AT SWK4 (48/25-4) and SWK5 (48/25-5).			
Rig Name	Pivot point	Heading (True)	Location Details
Stena Spey	Centre Rig	270°	WGS84 51° 19' 21.857" N 008° 06' 56.984" W

4.2: The anchor will be positioned at the following approximate locations:

ANCHOR POSITIONS AT SWK3 (48/25-3) and GREENSANDS (48/25-6).		
Line	Latitude	Longitude
1	51° 19' 50.206" N	08° 07' 05.695" W
2	51° 20' 12.978" N	08° 06' 29.185" W
3	51° 20' 12.976" N	08° 05' 34.145" W
4	51° 19' 38.859" N	08° 04' 52.966" W
5	51° 19' 15.491" N	08° 04' 57.669" W
6	51° 18' 51.475" N	08° 05' 39.679" W
7	51° 18' 49.733" N	08° 06' 31.161" W
8	51° 19' 23.918" N	08° 07' 09.661" W

ANCHOR POSITIONS AT SWK4 (48/25-4) and SWK5 (48/25-5).		
Line	Latitude	Longitude
1	51° 19' 39.196" N	08° 08' 01.555" W
2	51° 20' 01.973" N	08° 07' 25.055" W
3	51° 20' 01.978" N	08° 06' 30.019" W
4	51° 19' 44.477" N	08° 05' 57.702" W
5	51° 19' 04.498" N	08° 05' 53.526" W
6	51° 18' 41.729" N	08° 06' 30.025" W
7	51° 18' 41.723" N	08° 07' 25.034" W
8	51° 19' 04.493" N	08° 08' 01.537" W

All co-ordinates are referenced to: UTM 29N, International Spheroid, ED50, CM 9°W and water depth at these locations is c. 95m (311ft).

5. Safety Precautions

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

6. 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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