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Good morning,

Please find Irish Lights response to OA26.324230 attached.

Kind Regards

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To whom it may concern,

Marine Development Application OA26.324230 for the proposed installation of the Beaufort sub-sea fibre optic cable system from the terminus of works under the granted Foreshore Licence (Ref. FS007361) at the 12 nautical mile limit to the extent of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

The Commissioners of Irish Lights, as a Prescribed Body under SI 100/2023, wishes to respond to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of the above application by Amazon MCS Ireland Limited (Amazon) under Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Irish Lights has no observations regarding the section of the Beaufort sub-sea fibre optic cable system from the 12 nautical mile limit to the extent of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

However, Irish Lights previously made a submission as a statutory consultee under the Foreshore Act 1933 in Feb 2023 to the licensing process for FS007361. This submission recommended that the applicant should take cognisance of the position of a number of marine aids to navigation when selecting a suitable cable route. This advice was based on a narrow cable corridor. Irish Lights notes the amendment contained within the Maritime Area Consent (Ref. MAC240030) granted by MARA on 22nd October 2025 which allows for an increase in the width of the MAC corridor (outside 12nm) for the Beaufort cable from 10 metres to 400 metres, centred on the planned cable route.

If this wider allowable corridor for final placement of the cable will carry forward inside 12nm, Irish Lights wishes to highlight that the planned route of the Beaufort cable is currently approximately 900 metres from the nearest aid to navigation, which is Red Bank buoy in position 52°04.999'N 006°41.652'W in the vicinity of the Saltee Islands. If the as-deployed position of the cable ends up being 200m closer to this aid to navigation, it would increase the potential risk of damage to the cable

if the aid to navigation, plus its associated mooring chains and sinker weights were to drag during future severe weather events.

Irrespective of distance from the planned cable route, Irish Lights recommends that the cable laying vessel undertaking this trenching operation should exercise caution while operating in the vicinity of the 'Red Bank' west cardinal buoy, to prevent damage to the aid to navigation resulting in increased risk for other vessels.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ronan Boyle', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ronan Boyle

Director of Navigation, Maritime & Consenting