

4th January 2010

Mr. Patrick O'Neill,
Coastal Zone Management Division,
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford.



Re: Maintenance Dredging Application by the Department of Defence at Haulbowline Naval Base, Co. Cork. Your Ref: E3/2/64 Vol 2

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I refer to your letters dated 7th and 16th December 2009 to Captain Farnan in relation to the above in which you have sought the observations of the Port of Cork Company.

As Harbour Authority we will, of course, co-operate as usual with the Department of Defence and its advisors in the carrying out of the specified and necessary maintenance dredging works.

Prior to the commencement of the works we would wish to engage with the Department's advisor to agree management measures to ensure that the works will not have an adverse impact on our own adjacent Turning Circle, described as the "Cobh Turning Circle" on Drawing Number HS 117/09 which has been forwarded to us as part of the correspondence.

Any potential adverse impact could be mitigated by including conditions in the Licence which (1) would not permit any overflow during dredging operations, (2) require that pre and post dredge surveys be undertaken along the boundary of the proposed works and the Turning Circle,

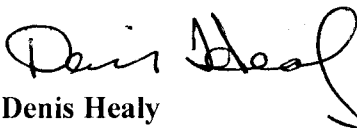
(3) require the applicant to liaise with the Port of Cork Company during the planning and execution of the works and (4) require the applicant, in the event that additional siltation has occurred within or on the side slopes of the Tuning Circle during the currency of the works, to restore the Tuning Circle to its pre dredge condition.

We trust that these observations, which we are copying to Mr. Jenkins of Hydrographic Surveys Ltd, who has submitted the application on behalf of the Department of Defence, have been helpful.

We look forward to engaging further with the applicant's advisor in due course.

Kind Regards.

Yours Sincerely


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c.c. Mr. Barry Jenkins, Hydrographic Surveys Ltd.