Preliminary Examination for EIA	Form 2

Foreshore Reference: FS007635

Proposed Development: MaresConnect Ltd - Site investigations off the coast of County Dublin

Criteria	Yes/No/Uncertain:	Comment:
Nature of the development: *Is the nature of the proposed development exceptional in the context of the existing environment?*	**No**	
Will the development result in the production of any significant waste, or result in significant emissions or pollutants?	**No**	
Size of the development: *Is the size of the proposed development exceptional in the context of the existing environment?*	**No**	**While boreholes are being undertaken as part of the proposed works these are for the investigation of soil stability and therefore are exempt under Annex II, 2.d of the EIA Directive**
Are there cumulative considerations having regard to other existing and/or permitted projects?	**No**	
Location: *Is the proposed development located on, in, adjoining or does it have the potential to impact on an ecologically sensitive site or location?*[1]	**No**	**The proposed development will be subject to an Appropriate Assessment and if necessary mitigation will be identified to ensure that there are no significant effects on European sites.**
Does the proposed development have the potential to affect other significant environmental sensitivities in the area?	**No**	

Conclusion:

Based on a preliminary examination of the **nature, size or location** of the development.
(Tick as appropriate)

[X]	[ ]	[ ]
There is **no real likelihood** of significant effects on the environment. EIA is not required.	There is **real likelihood of significant** effects on the environment. An EIAR is required.	There is **significant and realistic doubt** regarding the likelihood of significant effects on the environment. Assess the **EIA** information provided by the applicant and complete an Examination for EIA Report.

Signature and Date of Recommending Officer - Marine Advisor Environment:

30th May 2023