An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government ("the Minister") hereby gives notice that he has determined an application dated 7 January 2020 for a licence under Section 3 of the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) made by DeepSea Fibre Networks Ltd ("the Applicant") in respect of a marine survey and site investigation works in Galway Bay (FS007016)

DETERMINATION

The Minister has determined pursuant to the provisions of the Foreshore Act, 1933 (as amended) to grant a Foreshore Licence to the Applicant in respect of the development described in the application, subject to the conditions set out in the Foreshore Licence.

MAIN REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Minister has had regard to the following matters in determining the application for a Foreshore Licence:

- the application for the Foreshore Licence together with accompanying materials;
- the submissions received from prescribed bodies
- the consent conditions to be attached to the Foreshore Licence, if granted; and
- the nature of the proposal and its objective
- the Appropriate Assessment of the proposed developments under domestic and EU law, including the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive, and its conclusions and recommendations in this regard
- the advice of the Marine Planning, Policy and Development Section of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Having had regard to the foregoing, and in particular having regard to the consent conditions attached to the Foreshore consent, the Minister is satisfied (i) that the proposed works on the foreshore would not have significant impacts on human health and safety, (ii) that the proposed works on the foreshore would not have a significant impact on the marine environment or the adjacent European Sites.

The following information is available on the website of Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government at:

https://www.housing.gov.ie/deep-sea-fibre-networks-ltd

(i) Notice of Determination;
(ii) Application for a Foreshore Licence together with supporting materials.
(iii) MLVC Report.
(iv) Information on the public participation process, including submissions received.
(v) Submissions made by prescribed bodies.
(vi) Appropriate Assessment Report.
(vii) Marine Archaeology Assessment Report.
(viii) Foreshore Licence as executed between the parties.

This material may also be inspected free of charge by appointment at the following office of the Department:

Marine Planning, Policy and Development,
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
Newtown Road
Wexford

Tel: 1890 20 20 21
Email: foreshore@housing.gov.ie

REVIEW PROCEDURE

A review procedure is available before the High Court whereby the substantive or procedural legality of the Minister's determination may be challenged. The review procedure is governed by Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts, 1986 (S.I. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. 691 of 2011). A person wishing to avail of the review procedure must first file (i) a statement of grounds; and (ii) a verifying affidavit, in the Central Office of the High Court. It is then necessary to make an *ex parte* application for leave to a judge of the High Court.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review is required to be made promptly and in any event within three months from the date when grounds for the application first arose, unless the Court considers, among other things, that there is good and sufficient reason for extending the period within which the application shall be made. The time-limit for such a review begins to run from the date of publication of this Notice of Determination. Practical information on the review mechanism can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board, Ground Floor, George's Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 50B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as inserted by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2010), the special rules that apply in respect of the legal costs of judicial review proceedings based on European Environmental Law may apply to the judicial review proceedings. The general rule is that each party bears its own costs, irrespective of the outcome of the judicial review proceedings. The High Court retains discretion, however, to award costs in certain cases. The full text of Section 50B is available at:

http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0030/sec0033.html#sec33 and
http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2011/en/act/pub/0020/sec0021.html#sec21

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, 2nd October 2020