

Marine Notice No. 07 of 2017

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

Geophysical Survey off the South West Coast of Ireland (Block 53/6 in the Southern Porcupine Basin)

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised that Orbis Energy Ltd on behalf of Providence Resources PLC will commence a Geophysical survey which will be undertaken approximately 220 kilometres off the South West Coast of Ireland, involving multi-beam echosounder, dual frequency sidescan sonar and sub bottom profiler assisted by the use of an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) operated in close proximity to the vessel. The survey will also include shallow geotechnical sampling and an Environmental Baseline Survey.

The survey is anticipated to commence on Sunday 19th February 2017 and the estimated duration is 6 days, weather permitting. The latest completion date for the survey will be the 19th March 2017.

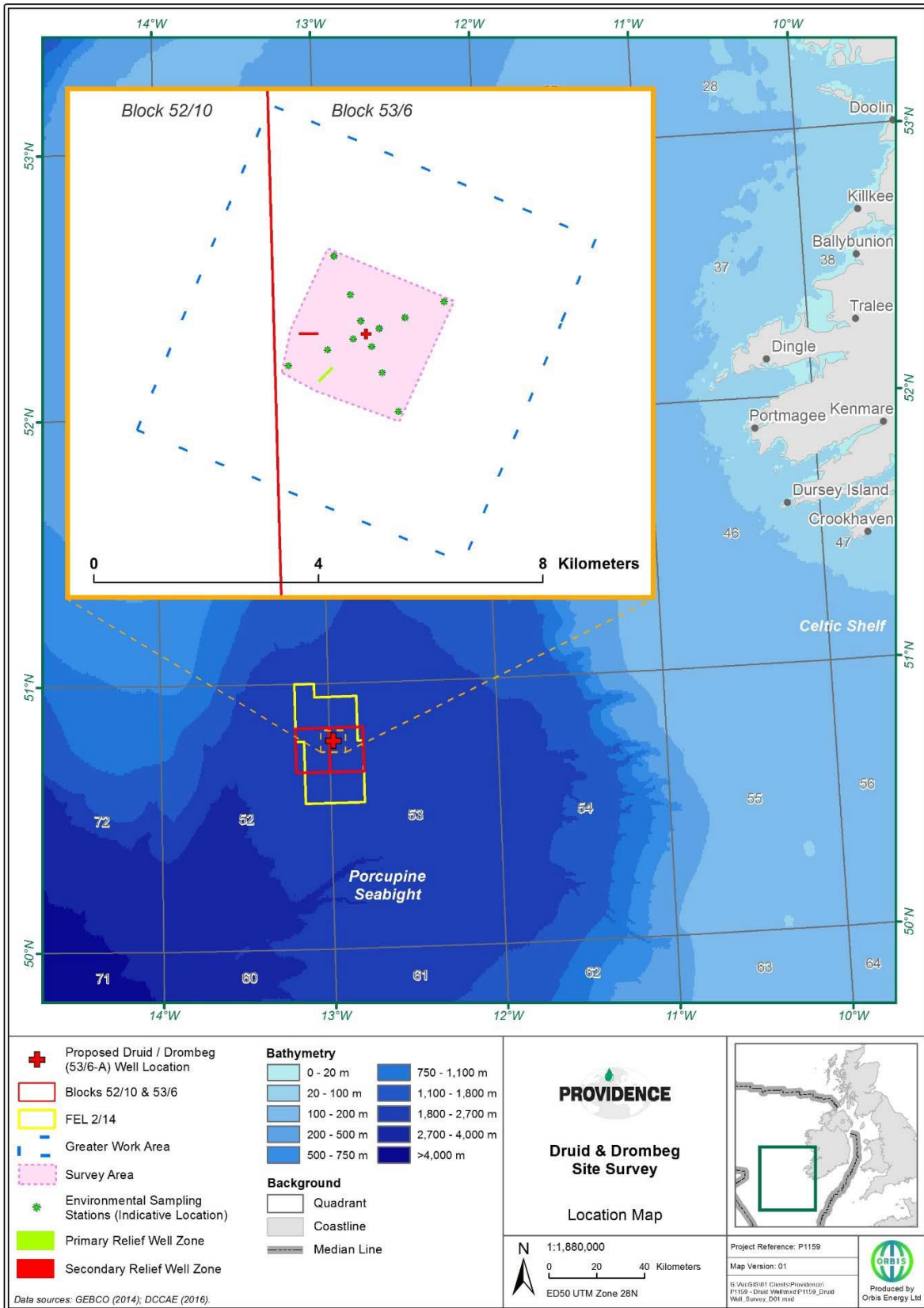
The **Fugro Searcher** (call sign: **3EUY6**) is scheduled to carry out the work. The vessel will be listening on VHF Channel 16 at all times.

Survey Area

Ref	Latitude	Longitude
1	50°47'53.707"N	12°59'09.114"W
2	50°47'21.570"N	12°57'15.670"W
3	50°46'13.075"N	12°58'08.342"W
4	50°46'31.708"N	12°59'22.783"W
5	50°46'43.146"N	12°59'53.952"W
6	50°47'07.564"N	12°59'44.993"W

Greater Work Area

Ref	Latitude	Longitude
1	50°49'17.471"N	12°59'58.095"W
2	50°47'55.122"N	12°55'05.392"W
3	50°44'50.814"N	12°57'13.742"W
4	50°46'12.099"N	13°02'06.913"W



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

The Survey Vessel will be displaying visual indicators on the mast during daylight and lights during the night to advise other mariners of their restricted manoeuvrability.

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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