

## Marine Notice No. 17 of 2017

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

### Seabed Survey in the Kinsale Head Gas Field & the Seven Heads Gas Field off the South Coast of Ireland

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised by PSE Kinsale Energy Limited that a seabed survey will be undertaken off the South Coast of Ireland. The survey is to confirm the seabed status adjacent to subsea gas production infrastructure such as wellheads, manifolds, pipelines and umbilicals. The aim of the survey is to collect samples for analysis and to undertake multi-beam mapping of the seabed at selected locations. The data forms part of ongoing field maintenance operations and provides information for future planning.

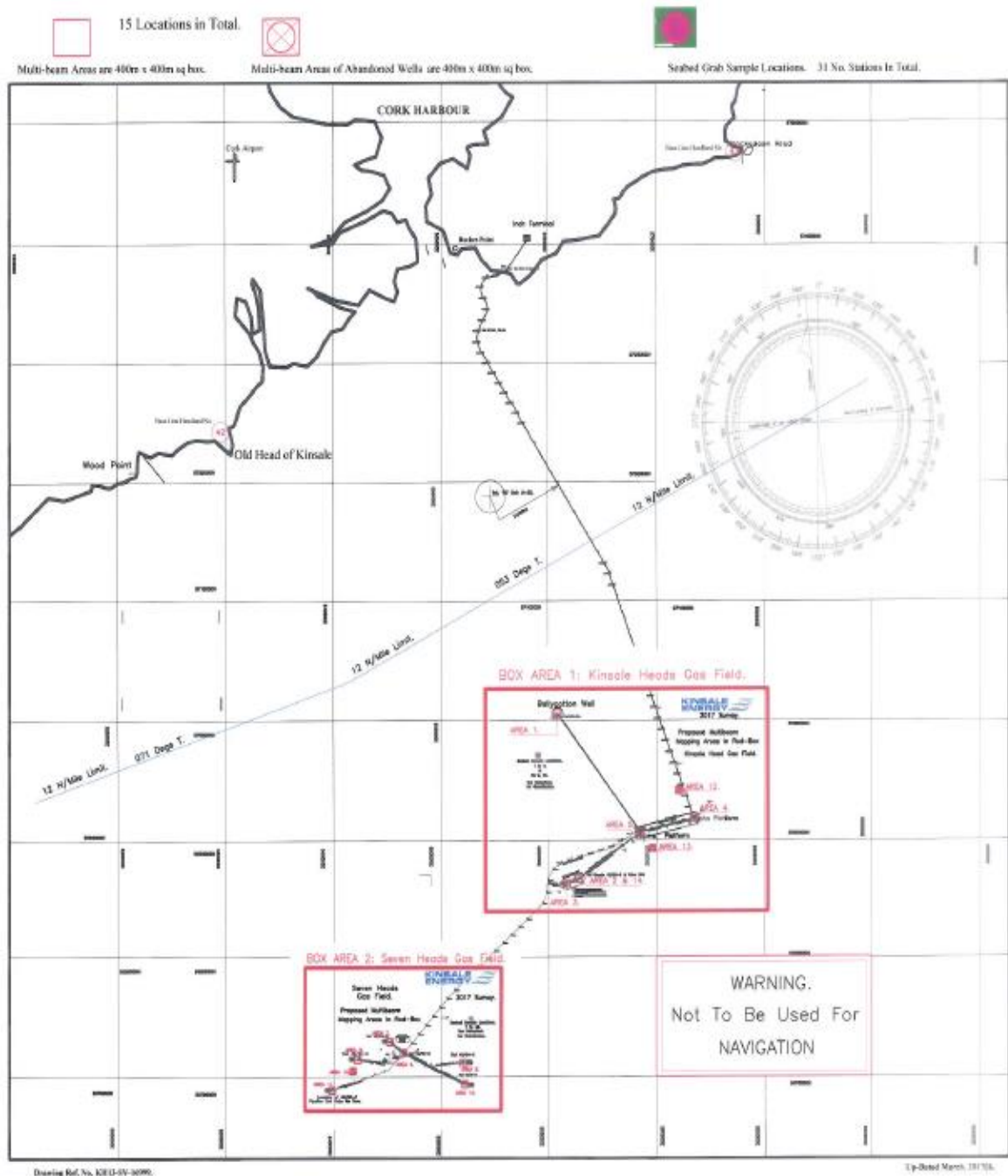
The survey is expected to commence on the **13<sup>th</sup> April 2017** and last for approximately 5/6 days, subject to weather conditions.

The “***RV Celtic Voyager***” (Callsign: **EIQN**) is scheduled to carry out the survey operations within the areas of the image below (Figure 1). The survey will take a number of seabed grab samples using a Van Veen Grab at predetermined locations, and will conduct multi-beam mapping of specific locations to assess the status of the subsea infrastructure in relation to the adjacent seabed. A total of 31 seabed sampling stations and 15 multi-beam mapping locations are anticipated.

The survey areas are bounded by two boxes as outlined in Figure 1 below, which have the following coordinates (WGS 84):

<b>Kinsale Head Gas Field</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
North West Corner	51° 28' 21.262" N	08° 13' 13.374" W
South West Corner	51° 18' 15.382" N	08° 13' 24.013" W
North East Corner	51° 28' 10.066" N	07° 50' 37.207" W
South East Corner	51° 18' 04.248" N	07° 50' 52.449" W

<b>Seven Heads Gas Field</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
North West Corner	51° 15' 46.80" N	08° 27' 50.611" W
South West Corner	51° 09' 17.564" N	08° 27' 56.237" W
North East Corner	51° 15' 41.454" N	08° 12' 11.024" W
South East Corner	51° 09' 12.247" N	08° 12' 18.830" W



**Figure 1: Kinsale Head & Seven Heads Gas Fields. Red Boxes indicate the proposed work areas.**

There will be a regular safety message broadcasting on **VHF CH 16** throughout the project. All vessels, particularly those engaged in fishing, are requested to give the **“RV Celtic Voyager”** (callsign: **EIQN**) a wide berth and keep a sharp lookout in the relevant areas.

**In case of any issues or queries please contact:**  
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**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) 6476834/1890213434. They are also available online at: [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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