

Marine Notice No. 28 of 2017

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

Drilling of an Exploration Well in the Southern Porcupine Basin, off the South West Coast of Ireland

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised by Providence Resources P.L.C. (www.providenceresources.com) that they intend to drill an Exploration Well in the Southern Porcupine Basin. The Well will be drilled in 2,250 metre water depth and is located c. 220 kilometers off the South West Coast of Ireland. Drilling operations are expected to begin on **Monday 3rd July 2017**, and take approximately **60 days** to complete, subject to weather and operational delays.

The drilling will be carried out by the dynamically positioned drill-ship '**Stena IceMax**' (Callsign: **2FMJ5**), which will be supported by Platform Supply Vessels '**Sjoborg**' (Callsign: **OZ-2075**), '**Edda Frende**' (Callsign: **LCOB**) and '**Skandi Flora**' (Callsign: **LEVX**).

The emergency rapid response vessel will be "**Esvagt Don**" (Callsign: **MZWQ6**).

Coordinates for the proposed Exploration Well are in WGS84 as follows:

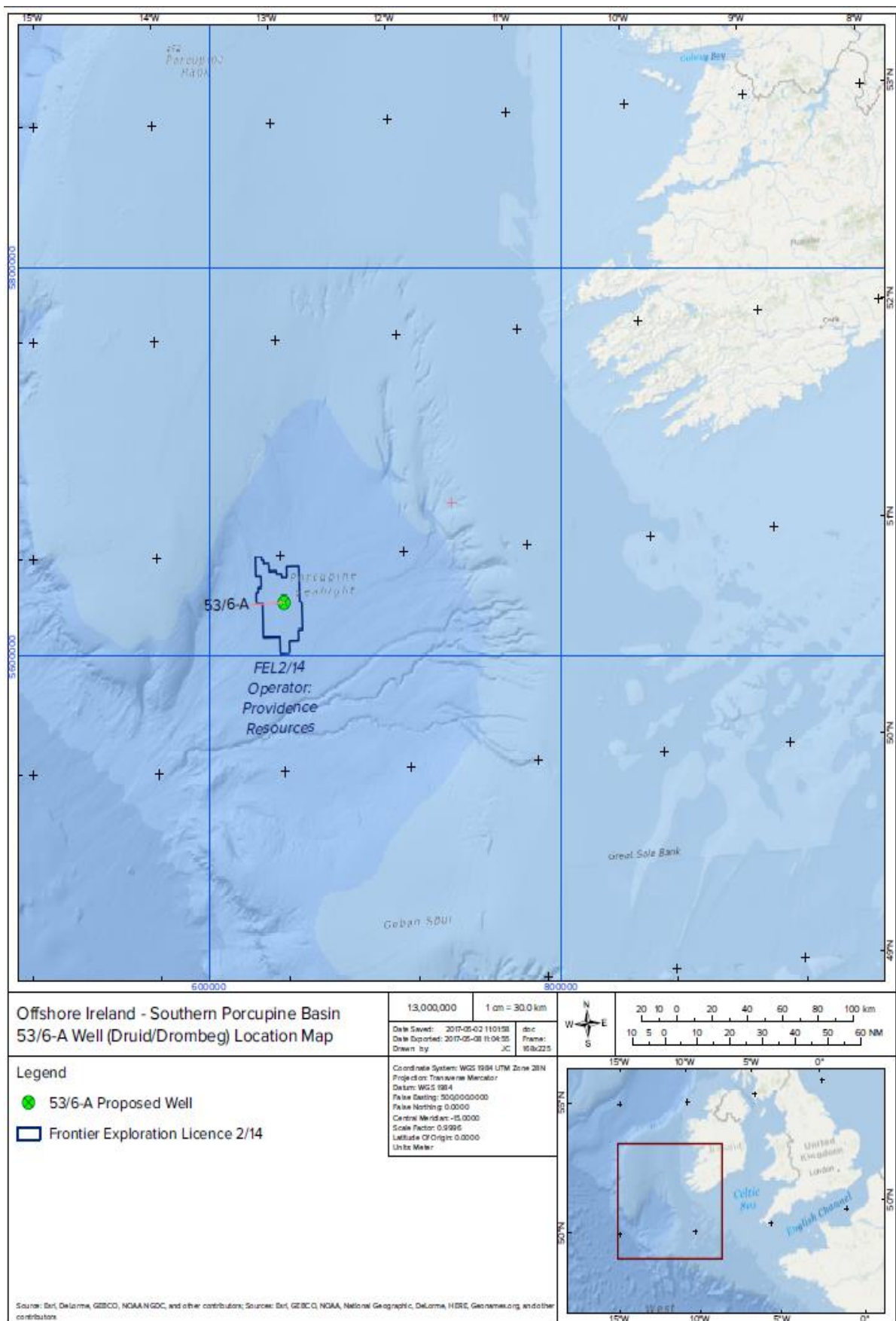
Latitude	Longitude
50°47'00.2074"N	12°58'42.0652"W
In decimal degrees as follows: -	
50.7833909381	12.9783514517

Note: There will be a safety exclusion zone of 500m radius from the drill-ship.

Regular safety messages will be broadcasted on **VHF CH 16** by the Emergency Rapid Response Vessel '**Esvagt Don**' throughout the project.

Radio Navigation warnings will also be issued several times daily by the Irish Coast Guard.

The location of the Exploration Well is shown in the attached map:



All vessels, particularly those engaged in fishing, are requested to give the ‘*Stena IceMax*’ and her accompanying vessels a wide berth and keep a sharp lookout in the relevant areas.

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.

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