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**Re: Galway Bay Marine and Renewable Energy Test Site
Foreshore Lease Application – Response to Observations**

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I refer to your letter dated 6th April 2016 in relation to observations made by the **Marine Survey Office (MSO)**.

The Marine Institute will arrange the publication of a local marine notice giving the general description of operations and approximate dates of commencement and completion. It is noted that a locally read newspaper will suffice.

The Marine Institute will consult with the Galway Harbour Master and Port Marine Notices published accordingly.

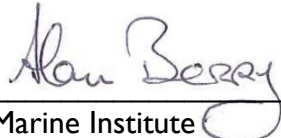
The Marine Institute will liaise with the local fishing community.

The Marine Institute will apply to the Commissioners of Irish Lights for sanction of new aids to navigation and/or alteration of existing aids to navigation.

The Marine Institute will ensure that any vessels employed in the deployment of devices will be appropriately certified and properly manned in compliance with Irish legislation. Load line and passenger boat licences will be required by vessels carrying cargo or passengers.

The Marine Institute will ensure individual wind turbines shall be suitably marked consistent with the Commissioners of Irish Lights consent.

Yours sincerely,


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