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No. 04 of 2026

MARINE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY – FALMOUTH BAY (FaBTest AREA)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ocean Ecology Ltd will be undertaking a marine geophysical survey within Falmouth Bay FaBTest area between 06 March 2026 – 20 March 2026

The survey will involve the acquisition of seabed data using: Multibeam Echo Sounder (MBES), Sidescan Sonar (SSS), Magnetometer, Sub-bottom profiler.

The works will utilise Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) deployed from the survey vessel SEREN LAS. The AUVs will operate on pre-programmed survey lines at approximately 5–15 metres above the seabed, surfacing periodically for short durations. During equipment deployment and recovery operations the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre.

SURVEY AREA

The general survey area is defined by the following coordinates (WGS84):

| Point | Latitude | Longitude |
|-------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | 50.09667 N | 5.00000 W |
| 2 | 50.10550 N | 4.97500 W |
| 3 | 50.12000 N | 4.99083 W |
| 4 | 50.12000 N | 5.00000 W |

Mariners should note that AUV operations may occur anywhere within this defined area.

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SURVEY VESSEL

Name: SEREN LAS
Call Sign: MDAH2
MMSI: 235087047
Length: 10 m

The vessel will remain within the survey area monitoring the AUVs and may maintain a stand off distance of up to 1 km from the operating vehicles.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED

- To navigate with caution in the vicinity of the survey area.
- To maintain a safe passing distance from the survey vessel and any associated operations.
- That the survey vessel may display signals for a vessel restricted in her ability to manoeuvre in accordance with the COLREGs.
- Fishing vessels should avoid deploying gear within the survey area while operations are underway.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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This notice is self-cancelling on completion of the survey.

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