



## Marine Notice No. 25 of 2018

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

### NEWGRANGE Site Survey, off the South West Coast of Ireland

The Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport has been advised that Providence Resources P.l.c. will be carrying out a site survey on their FEL 6/14 licence called 'Newgrange' which is situated between the Southern Porcupine and Goban Spur Basins, approximately 260 kilometres off the South West Coast of Ireland. The project is scheduled to begin approximately on the 18th June 2018 with the survey vessel anticipated to be working on location for up to eight days (excluding any weather delays). Coordinates and map of the expected working area are outlined below:

#### Survey Area:

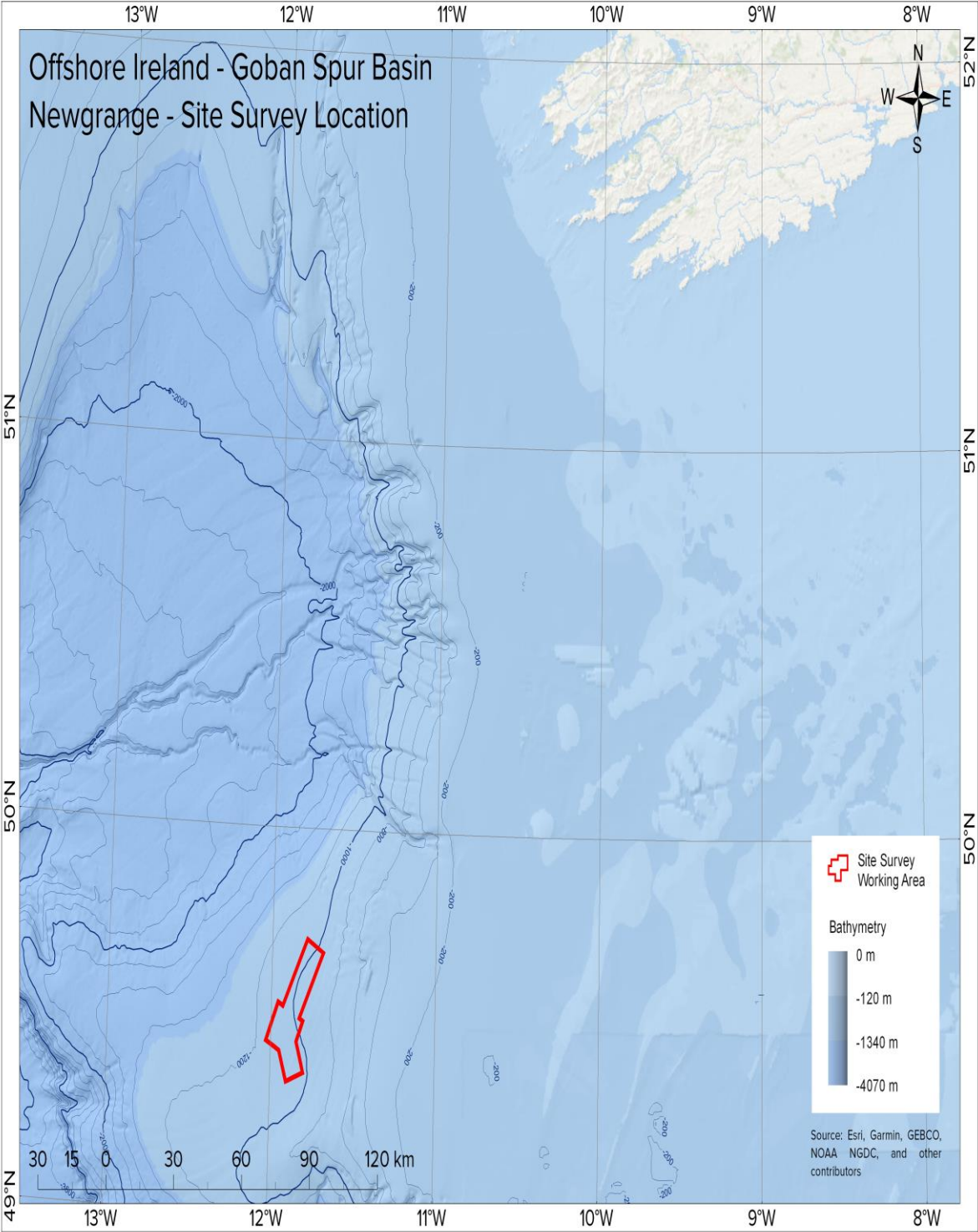
Point	Latitude				Longitude			
A	49°	30'	36.67"	N	11°	49'	43.78"	W
B	49°	30'	12.32"	N	11°	48'	23.29"	W
C	49°	27'	0.28"	N	11°	50'	40.19"	W
D	49°	22'	15.38"	N	11°	48'	0.54"	W
E	49°	20'	46.37"	N	11°	54'	12.73"	W
F	49°	25'	31.14"	N	11°	56'	52.91"	W
G	49°	26'	59.92"	N	12°	1'	47.7"	W
H	49°	32'	58.37"	N	11°	57'	33.55"	W
I	49°	32'	25.71"	N	11°	55'	45.05"	W
J	49°	42'	53.4"	N	11°	47'	15.71"	W
K	49°	40'	52.32"	N	11°	41'	22.97"	W

The vessel that will undertake the project is the '**MV KOMMANDOR**' (Callsign: **MCJO2**)

The geophysical survey will be undertaken using Dual Frequency Side Scan Sonar, Single-beam and Multi-beam Echosounders, Side Scan Sonar, Sub-Bottom Profilers and Magnetometer. Seabed (benthic) samples will also be taken using a box corer or grab, as appropriate and Geotechnical sampling will be undertaken with a piston corer to a minimum target depth of 6m below the seabed.

In addition to the above, and to accurately determine potential future drilling hazards over the Newgrange location, the proposed survey will also include a high resolution 2D seismic which is not expected to exceed 2 days.

Survey operations will be conducted on a 24-hour basis. Throughout survey operations the vessel will be displaying the shapes and lights prescribed in the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) Rule 27, to indicate that the survey vessel is restricted in its ability to manoeuvre. A listening watch will be maintained on **VHF Channel 16**, and the vessel will actively transmit an AIS signal.



**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](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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