



**Ms. Luyi Lexi Duan obo GO plc.  
Fra Diegu Street,  
Marsa, Malta.**

### **Temporary Permit 001/2022**

Dear Ms. Duan,

Reference is made to your request to use of tracked excavator (21 tons) to bury an exposed section of the cable in shallow water as per attached site plan and Method statement.

The Environment and Resources Authority is hereby granting this temporary permit in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act (Cap 549) and Regulation 18(2) and 46(8) of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, S.L. 549.44 the ERA for the purpose of activities that shall be carried out to bury the cable in shallow waters.

This temporary permit clearance is being issued subject to the following conditions:

1. This temporary permit is valid for one month form the date of communication of starting of works. The Permit Holder shall advise of the dates of works prior to the commencement on [ced.coast@era.org.mt](mailto:ced.coast@era.org.mt).
2. No works in the marine and terrestrial environment of Ir-Ramla tal-Mixquqa bay shall take place between 1<sup>st</sup> April and the end of October, unless clearance is obtained.
3. The permit holder is to nominate for ERA approval prior to commencement of works, a suitably qualified and experienced environmental monitor for monitoring of compliance with permit conditions and to ensure that works are carried out with the least possible impact on the benthic environment and on marine water quality.

The monitor shall:

- i. be engaged at the expense of the applicant;
- ii. submit a monitoring plan for approval by ERA;
- iii. carry out monitoring and reporting in line with condition 17;
- iv. ensure that the works are carried out in line with the permit and without damage to the natural features on site;
- v. notify ERA immediately of any breach of conditions.

The project manager and the Permit Holder shall provide all the information and assistance to ensure that monitoring of works is carried out in a satisfactory manner. A monitoring report with photos shall be submitted by the monitor as part of the report of activities to ERA that is to be submitted as per condition 17 of this temporary permit, not later than one month after to expiry of permit.

4. The activities authorised shall be effected in the location as marked on the approved site plan in approved document MOP PEACE MED - BURIAL IN HARD SEDIMENT rev.06 18.02.2022.
5. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement MOP PEACE MED - BURIAL IN HARD SEDIMENT rev.06 18.02.2022.

The vehicles shall:

- a. Be in a good state of maintenance and in any case do not leak oils or other polluting fluids;
- b. Only make use of existing roads for access;
- c. Be stored overnight in such a manner to avoid any accidents, including due to storms;
- d. Be stored overnight far from shore;
- e. Be refuelled in such a manner to avoid spillage into the sea; and
- f. Not be washed on site.
- g. Vehicles' tracks/wheels (rubberised), weight and state of repair shall be in line with ERA's Operating Procedures on Beach Cleaning, 2017 available on <https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Operating-procedures-on-Beach-Cleaning-Approved-Document.pdf>

All the equipment, vehicles and materials shall be removed immediately once works are completed.

15. All works shall be carried between sunrise and sunset.

16. The following activities are strictly prohibited:

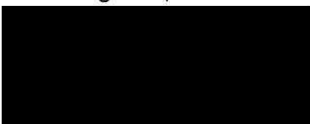
- a) introduction, removal, significant movement and re-engineering, and/or collection of sand, shingle, stone, soil and/or sediment except as permitted;
- b) excavation works and any physical modification of the vegetation cover, the ground and landform of the site and its surroundings except as permitted;
- c) generation of excessive noise, including extremely loud music or the use of noisy generators, or light pollution through the use of floodlights;
- d) disposal, discharge or spillage of oil, fuel, paint or other pollutants, or of solid waste, ash or combustibles;

17. In accordance with Regulation 46(4) of S.L. 549.44, a brief report with photos of the activities held, including any publications as a result of the activity, is to be provided to ERA by the Permit Holder within one month of the expiry of the permit, and is to be submitted to [ced.coast@era.org.mt](mailto:ced.coast@era.org.mt). Information that should be treated as confidential as outlined in Regulation 48(4) of S.L. 549.44 shall be specified.

A template for the report is available at <https://era.org.mt/topic/nature-permit-reporting/>

18. This permit is granted saving third party rights and without prejudice to any other legislation or regulations or authorisations required from any other competent authorities or site owners.

Regards,



Alex Camilleri,  
Deputy Director, Environment and Resources  
f/Director, Environment and Resources