

Perit Mario Ellul
obo Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects,
Project House,
Triq Francesco Buonamici,
Floriana, Malta.

20th May 2022

Temporary Permit 002/2022: To demolish and remove stone blocks and concrete from the sandy beach, cut the existing terrain to its natural angle of repose, placing boulders at Ġnejna Bay

Dear Perit. Ellul,

Reference is made to your request for the works in caption as per schematics and Method statement attached.

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), subject to the following conditions:

1. This permit is valid for six months 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.
2. The permit holder is to nominate for ERA approval prior to commencement of works, a suitably qualified and experienced monitor for monitoring of compliance with permit conditions and to ensure that works are carried out in line with the method statement and avoid adverse impact on the site environment. The monitor shall be engaged at the expense of the applicant, and shall be responsible for notifying ERA immediately of any breach of conditions

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 in line with conditions of this permit, not later than one month after the expiry of permit.

3. The activities authorised shall be effected in the location as marked on the approved site plan in approved document and approved documents “Vehicular access”.
4. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement “*Gnejna Coastal Works - DS Method Statement* and approved plans *GNEJNA sea wall_08_me-Plans and sections - amendment (3)*”
5. No washing or cleaning of materials shall occur at Ġnejna.
6. Any stockpiles of construction and waste material are to be positioned in such a way as to avoid spillage into the surrounding environment, including under adverse conditions where such spillage

can occur through the action of wind, runoff or wave action. Any residual spillages are to be immediately contained and removed to ERA's satisfaction.

The Permit Holder is to implement mitigation measures in order to prevent contamination of the surrounding area and the sea from construction material, dust, spalls, any other particles or concrete particles/ poured liquid concrete.

Mitigation measures shall be in place at all times throughout the activity to ensure that the works do not pose any adverse effect on the marine environment, both on land and in the sea.

7. All necessary measures should be taken to avoid damage to existing natural habitats or features, both on land and at sea.
8. The proposed works shall not occur within a radius of 15 meters from any known marine turtle nest.
9. A five (5) meter buffer zone shall be kept from any sand dunes, and access to the sand dunes or over any natural vegetation within the site is strictly prohibited. All reasonable precautions are to be taken to keep the site and its surroundings clean.

The permit holder is responsible for the collection and disposal of any litter, refuse or waste originated during the activity. Rubbish disposal facilities shall be provided by the organisers and any waste generated during the activity is to be collected immediately and disposed of accordingly in accordance with the relevant regulations.

10. The machinery that will be used for the works on site shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) trucks, one (1) excavator, one (1) mobile telescopic crane and one (1) utility van. The use, manoeuvring and parking of such machinery shall be confined to existing tracks, and trampling on other areas shall be avoided.

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 accidental impact on the environment, including due to storms;
- d. Be refuelled in such a manner to avoid spillage into the ground or into the sea;
- e. Not be washed on site; and
- f. 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.

11. All works shall be carried out between sunrise and sunset.
12. 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. 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/>
13. This permit is granted saving third party rights and without prejudice to any other legislation or authorisations required from any other competent authorities or site owners.

14. You may appeal from this decision to the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal in accordance with Article 63 of the Environment Protection Act and with the provisions of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal Act.

Regards,

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