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Marine & Fisheries Division

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Date: 21/07/2026

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Dear [REDACTED]

**MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4 (MARINE LICENSING) –
MARINE CONSTRUCTION LICENCE VARIATION REQUEST FOR ML2025023 QUB
MARINE LABS RENEWABLE ENERGY TEST SITES**

I refer to your application to vary Marine Licence MLVAR2026042 received by the Department on 25th June 2026. The Department has considered all the information provided as part of your Variation Request for your licence.

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The Departments' decision has been taken in accordance with all relevant marine plans and policies. We have granted a variation to Marine Licence MLVAR2026042 to you; the Marine Licence MLVAR2026051 is enclosed with this letter, please note the new licence reference number for this variation licence.

The licence we have granted contains a change to the licensee's name at your request.

Discharge of licence conditions is now processed through the DAERA Marine Licensing Compliance & Enforcement Team who are copied to this correspondence. As the licence holder you can make direct contact via the MLComplianceandEnforcement@daera-ni.gov.uk mailbox.

Please acknowledge receipt of your licence within 14 days, after which the Department can proceed to revoke the marine licence in accordance with Section 71 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

In addition to the conditions specified in the attached licence, the Department would ask that care is taken around the site to ensure that no unauthorised materials are deposited.

To this end you should ensure that good working practices are employed throughout the works.

For your information, please see link to Pollution Prevention Guidelines for [Works in, or liable to effect watercourses](#), GPP5.

As provided by the Marine Licensing (Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011, you may, by notice appeal to the Appeals Commission. Appeals on this marine licensing decision should be made to the Water Appeals Commission for Northern Ireland and further information on the appeals process is available online at <https://www.pacni.gov.uk/content/water-appeals>.

Please note:

Compliance with licence conditions is the responsibility of the licence holder and the discharge of those conditions will be monitored. *Anyone who fails to comply with a condition on a Marine Licence commits an offence under Section 85 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and may be subject to enforcement action. Possible enforcement actions are compliance notices, remediation notices, fixed monetary penalties and variable*

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monetary penalties. In the worst cases, a person found guilty of an offence may be subject to a fine of up to £50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both. Further details can be found our guidance note

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-guidance-enforcement-under-part-4-marine-and-coastal-access-act-2009>

If you are unclear about any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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