

## Application for Permission to Dredge for Marine Minerals

Under the Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007

Please read the notes below carefully before you start to complete this form

1. These guidance notes are to help you complete the application form and provide the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) with all the necessary information for your application to be processed. The information is requested in accordance with the provisions of The Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007.
2. These guidance notes and application form should be used for applications relating to marine minerals dredging in Northern Ireland waters.
3. These guidance notes are a general summary of the procedure for the submission of an application and do not provide for detailed procedures in every circumstance. If you are in doubt about whether your proposal requires dredging permission, you are strongly advised to discuss your proposal with the NIEA before making an application.

Completion of all questions is compulsory for all applicants in order that the application can be fully considered.

Applications must be accompanied by a chart and drawings showing the position of the proposed dredging Area in relation to an identifiable coastal feature as referred to in 2(iii) below. If pipelines/cables or wrecks are located within a proposed Area, applicants are advised to provide a chart showing the location of these and the exclusion zones that they propose to avoid interference with them should permission be granted.

**Question 1** — Please include the name of the person who should be contacted in connection with this application. If an agent is acting for the applicant, all correspondence will be sent to the agent. Full details of joint applicants should be included (where appropriate) on an additional page which should be attached to this form.

**Question 2** — Information under the following sections should be submitted in the format specified.

(iii) This section should describe the location of the Area in relation to an identifiable coastal feature (i.e. x km off the coast of y town). This coastal feature should also be shown on the chart submitted under question 2 (vi) below.

(iv) Co-ordinates shall be expressed in degrees and decimal minutes to 4 places of decimals by reference to the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum (WGS 84 Datum).

Any changes to the information contained in this section, which an applicant may wish to make after the application has been submitted, must be notified to the NIEA.

**Question 3** — Full details must be provided. If the information is not available at the time of application the NIEA may require such information to be provided before determining an application. Any changes to the information contained in this section, which an applicant may wish to make after the application has been submitted, must be notified to the NIEA.

**Question 4** — Full details must be provided on what type of application it is.

**Question 5** — All supporting documents must be submitted with each application. Applicants should refer to section 4 of Marine Minerals Guidance Note 2 (MMG2), particularly paragraphs 4.9 and 4.48. It is acceptable for a schedule of draft conditions to be incorporated within an Environmental Statement (ES).

**Question 6** — Full details of any European and other sites must be provided, e.g. the area, reference number and relevant dates. Applicants should refer to paragraph 1.5 of MMG2 for a definition of a European site.

**Question 7** — The application must be accompanied with the relevant fee. In the case of a variation, the NIEA will notify the applicant on the level of the fee once the application has been screened.

**Question 8** — All applications must be signed and dated confirming the declaration.

## Further information

When preparing the application you are also advised to take account of Marine Minerals Guidance Note 2 (MMG 2).

**There are two options in which to pay the fees:**

### Option 1

Send a crossed cheque made payable to the Department of the Environment at the address shown on page 1.

You must also write your account number on the back of the cheque. Then send the cheque to:

NIEA  
c/o Water Management Unit  
17 Antrim Road  
Lisburn BT28 3AL

### Option 2

Pay by BACS using the following account details:

Northern Bank  
Sort Code: 95 - 01 – 21  
Account: 51063634

## **Data Protection Act 1998**

The information provided will only be used in conjunction with your application. In limited circumstances, the NIEA may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations, the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, the NIEA will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality, nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. We will not divulge commercially sensitive information to anyone outside the NIEA or contracted laboratories.

**1. Applicant's details (for joint applicants, please specify all names, including the main point of contact – continue on a separate sheet if necessary)**

Title  Initials  Surname

Full Postal Address

Telephone number (inc. national dialling code)

Fax number (inc. national dialling code)

Mobile phone  E-mail

**Details of Agent (If appropriate)**

Title  Initials  Surname

Full Postal Address

Telephone number (inc. national dialling code)

Fax number (inc. national dialling code)

Mobile phone  E-mail

## 2. Proposed Dredging Area

(i) Area Number

(ii) Area Name

(iii) Location of the  
Area (description)

(iv) co-ordinates

**Latitude**

**Longitude**

(v) Size of Area (square km)

(vi) Chart showing location of Area in relation to identifiable coastal features enclosed?

Yes

No

### 3. Details of application

(i) Duration of permission

(ii) Proposed maximum annual tonnage

(iii) Proposed total amount to be extracted

(iv) Maximum depth of extraction proposed

(v) Type of mineral

(vi) Extraction method (e.g. trailer or anchor dredging)

(vii) Is screening of the dredged material to be undertaken?

Yes

No

### 4. Nature of application

(i) Is the application for?

(a) New permission?

Yes

No

(b) Variation to an existing permission

Yes

No

If yes, give details of dates and reference numbers of existing permissions and an explanation of the proposed variation and the reasons for it.

(ii) Details of previous Government Views (GVs) or dredging permissions/ Crown Estate Licences relating to the Area (if applicable), including reference numbers dates and area involved.

Date of GV or permission

Date of Crown Estate Licence

## 5. Supporting Information

- (i) All applications for a new permission must be submitted with an Environmental Statement (ES)
- (ii) Is the proposed Area within a wider Regional Environmental Assessment (REA) study area?
- (iii) If yes, has the REA been referred as part of this application?
- (iv) (a) Has pre-application advice been sought as part of this application?

(b) If pre-application Advice has been sought, Please list those bodies Consulted

## 6. European and other sites

Is any part of the proposed application Area covered by, or within 5kms of, a European site; or a Candidate/potential such site; or any other feature, such as a wreck or artefact of historic/ archaeological interest?

If yes, please specify these, Including a description of their nature and location

## 7. Fees

- (i) The levels of fee for processing and determining the application are shown in the current 'Marine Minerals Dredging Fee Determination' on the NIEA's website at:  
[http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*](http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/)

**Applicants should note that the NIEA cannot accept an application unless it is accompanied by the appropriate fee.**

## 8. Declaration

Before you sign the declaration below, please ensure that the information you have given in this form is correct and that The following enclosures have been attached for applications for a new permission:

- (i) A plan of the application
- (ii) Environmental Statement and supporting information
- (iii) Schedule of draft conditions
- (iv) Application fee

For applications to vary an existing permission the only enclosure initially required is a plan.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information given in this form is correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

**WARNING**  
**It is an offence to knowingly make a false statement for  
the purpose of obtaining permission**

## Where to submit the Application

Applications for permission to dredge for marine minerals must be submitted to:

**The Northern Ireland Environment Agency  
Marine Assessment and Licensing Team  
Water Management Unit  
17 Antrim Road  
Lisburn BT28 3AL**

**Enquiries: 028 9263 3440  
Fax: 028 9267 6054**

**Applicants are reminded that this application is for permission to dredge for marine minerals under The Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 only.**

<b>For Office use Only</b>
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Application No.

Area No.

Area Name  
(if applicable)

Date received

Date paymt rec'd

Amount paid

File reference