

**CONSTRUCTION OF THE MALTA-ITALY GAS PIPELINE EU PROJECT  
OF COMMON INTEREST, INCLUDING A TERMINAL STATION AT DPS,  
AN ONSHORE HDD ROUTE THROUGH DELIMARA PENINSULA AND  
THE LAYING OF AN OFFSHORE 22" DIAMETER PIPELINE  
EXTENDING UP TO GELA, SICILY.**

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**LOCATION: DELIMARA POWER STATION AND OFFSHORE ROUTE WITHIN THE MALTA TERRITORIAL  
WATERS, DELIMARA, MARSAXLOKK, MALTA**



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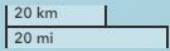
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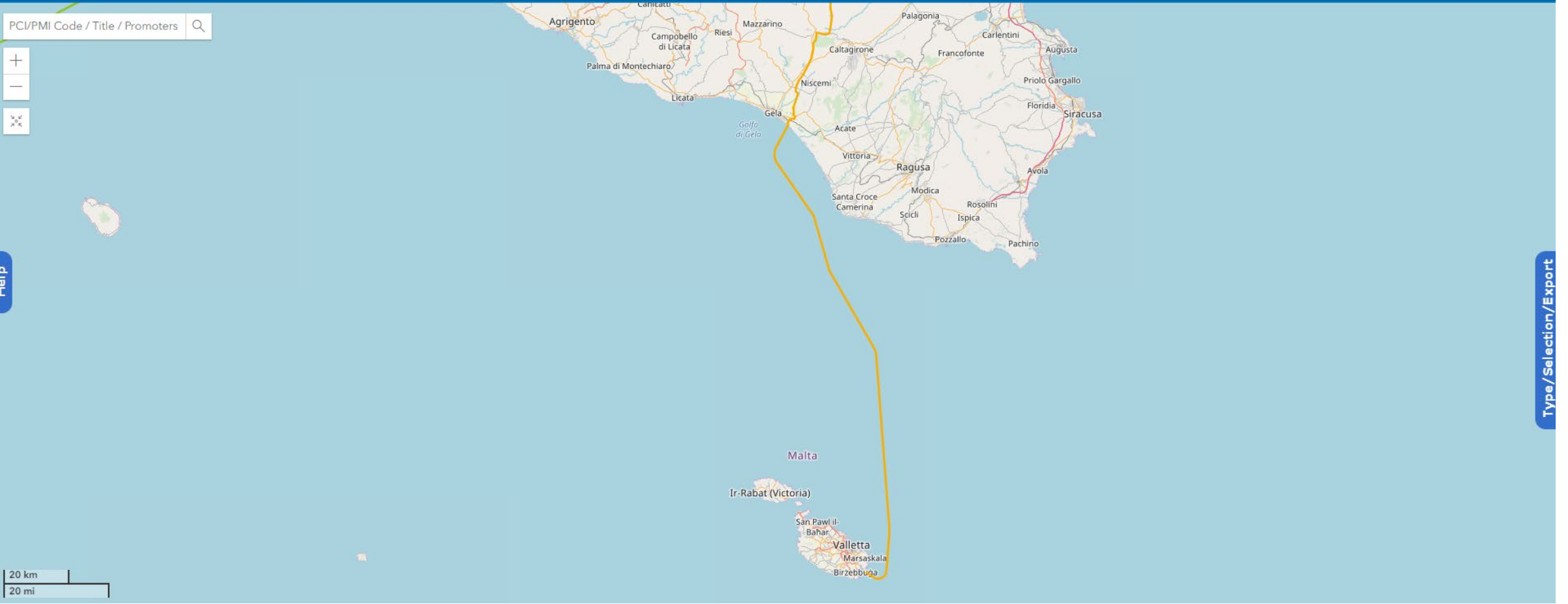
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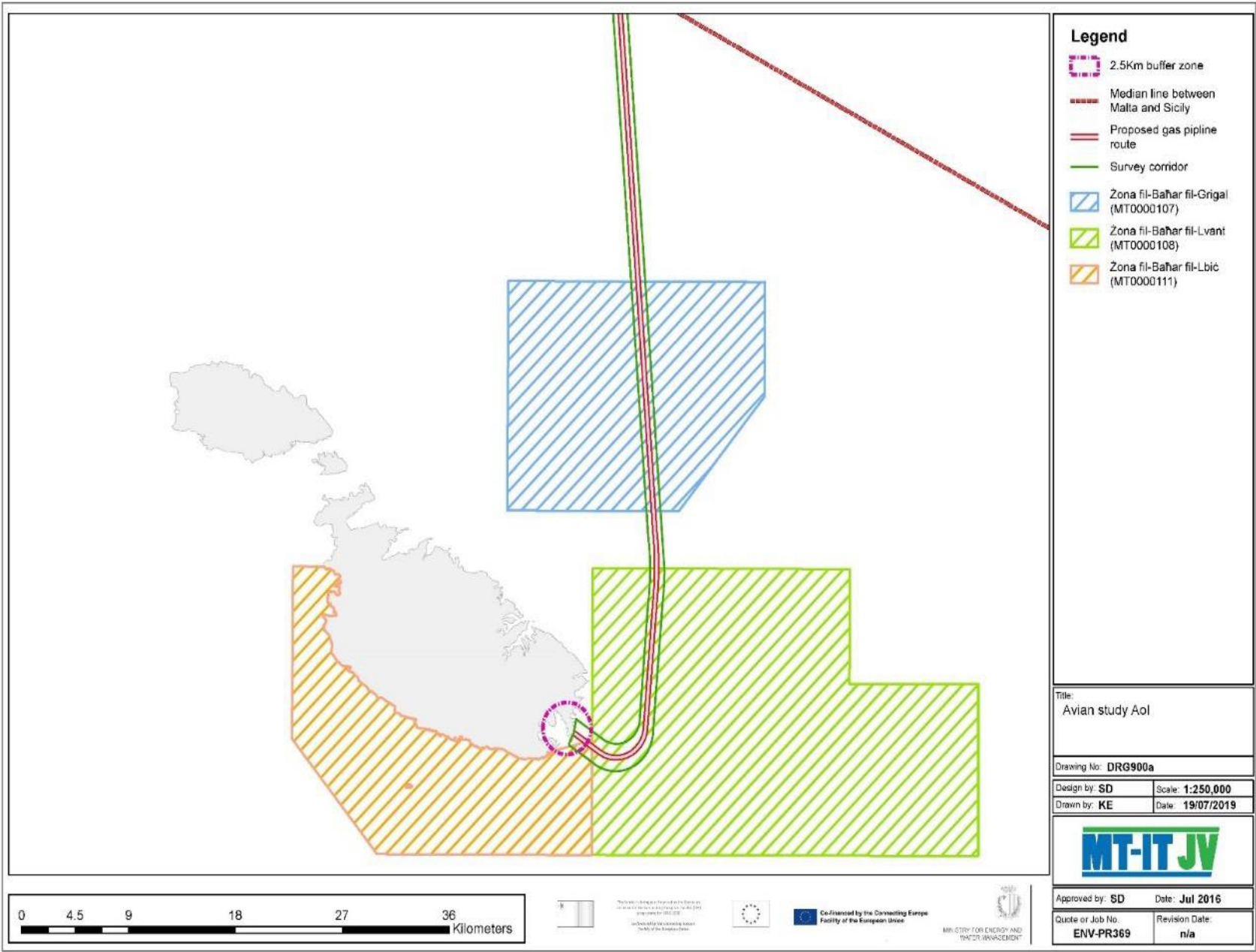





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-  2.5km buffer zone
  -  Median line between Malta and Sicily
  -  Proposed gas pipeline route
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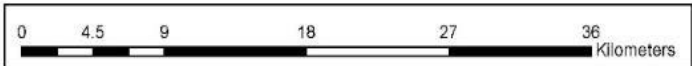
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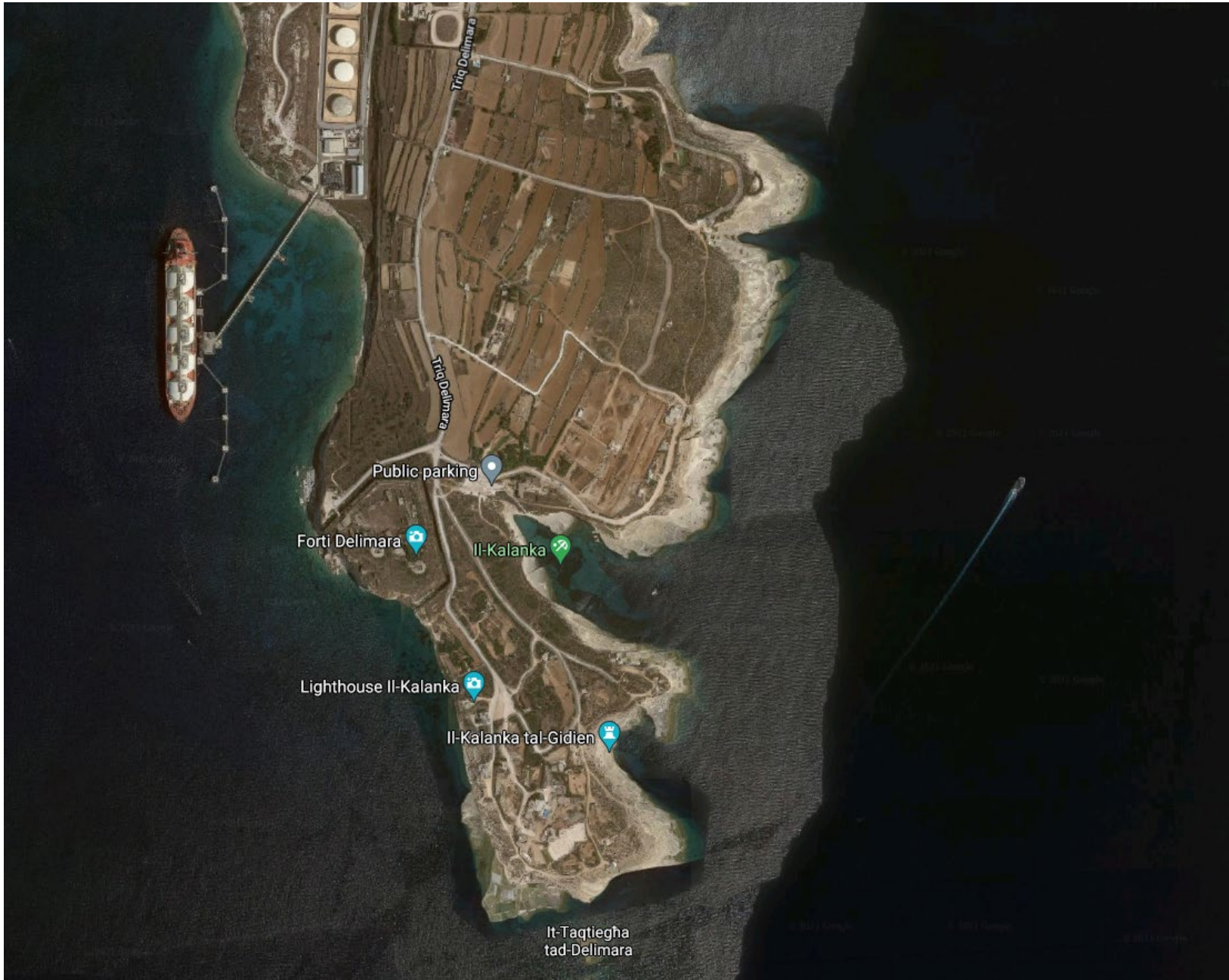
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## Legend



Site



Indicative trenchless pipeline



Proposed gas pipeline route



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# Proposal description

- Interventions on the natural cliff face for the construction of a new access road
- Clearing and further testing of material on terminal station site
- Land reclamation for a terminal station at the Delimara Power Station
- Onshore microtunneling across the Delimara Peninsula
  - Including transition pit and pre-trenching works
- Laying of an offshore 22''' diameter pipeline up to Gela, Sicily
  - Including:
    - rock protection layer
    - pre-lay works
    - post – lay works

# EIA process

A PDS was submitted to the ERA in 2017

- Following screening, the proposal required:
  - An EIA in line with the National EIA Regulations (S.L.549.46);
    - Category II, Section 4.3.2.1 (*Oil or gas pipeline installations not falling within Category I*)
  - An AA in line with the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (S.L.549.44);
    - *Žona fil-Baħar fil-Grigal* (MT 0000107) designated as an Special Protected Area (SPA)
    - *Žona fil-Baħar fil-Lvant* (MT 0000108) designated as an SPA, and
    - *Žona fil-Baħar fil-Lbiċ* (MT 0000111) designated as an SPA
  - Transboundary consultations in line with the Espoo Convention.
- The project is a 'Project of Common Interest' (PCI)



# Consultations

- **Notification:** Malta (as Party of Origin) notified Italy (as the Affected Party) in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention).
- **Scoping:** PDS was circulated to ERA's consultees (including eNGOs, Government entities, Local councils), and with the general public (30 day consultation period – as stipulated by the Regulations).
  - Final Terms of Reference following the end of the 30-day public consultation

- **EIA Review:** The EIA Report was submitted to ERA following which it was circulated for review to the same consultees as the scoping stage for a mandatory 30-day consultation period. General public was notified by means of adverts in the press and through ERA's website.
- EIA documentation prepared for the Malta part of the project was submitted for 60-day consultation to the Italian counterparts in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention.
  - Feedback from the Italian counterparts , and
  - Malta acknowledged Italy's feedback and provided responses.
- The documentation prepared for the Italy part of the project was submitted to the Maltese Minister for Environment and was issued for 30-day consultation. Following which Malta (as an Affected Party) communicated the feedback received to the Party of Origin.

# Assessment and recommendation

- The ERA concluded its assessment on the proposed development. No objection to the proposal from an environmental point of view.
- The conclusion was made on the understanding that stringent mitigation measures and pre-emptive safeguards will be implemented throughout both construction and operation of the proposed development.
- The Authority (competent on EIA in Malta), provided its recommendation to the Continental Shelf Department, the Planning Authority and to the Affected Party.
- A number of conditions were recommended for inclusion in the development permit.

All documentation is available through the ERA website:

<https://era.org.mt/era-project/pao8757-17/>

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