

# Marine Information Notice Offshore Development Programme

SUMMER 2009



**As part of the Corrib Gas Partners' Offshore Development Programme, the Solitaire pipe-lay vessel will be operating in Broadhaven Bay before the end of the summer season 2009. The exact timings are subject to the completion of preparatory works and suitable weather conditions.**

- At 360 metres long, the Solitaire uses a dynamic positioning system with huge thrusters or propellers to control its movement. These thrusters cause a very powerful wash, which could be hazardous for smaller vessels within a radius of 500 metres of the ship.
- The Solitaire will be initially positioned about 2kms offshore at the landfall at Glengad where the on-board crew will weld and lay pipes out towards the Corrib gas field.
- A winch has been installed at the Glengad landfall site to pull the first 2kms of pipeline ashore from the Solitaire using a wire cable. Due to the presence of high-tension cables a safety zone will be in place temporarily. Vehicles and members of the public are advised to keep a safe distance. Notices of this exclusion zone will be posted in the relevant areas.

**Mariners are advised to forego any activity within a 500m radius of the Solitaire to avoid damage to fishing equipment and vessels and to prevent the endangerment of lives. Additional notifications will be issued through Public Information Notices and Department of Transport Marine Notices; recreational users are also being notified.**

The Corrib Gas Partners are making every effort to minimise the impact to mariners and apologise for any inconvenience caused during these works.

*Please see relevant Marine Notice or contact:*

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