TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION: COUNCIL - PART II

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to <u>council2022@isa.org.jm</u>.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

DR 46ter 1

- 3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.
 - 1. A Contractor, pursuant to its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan required under Regulation 48, and applicable Standards, shall observe, measure, evaluate and analyse in accordance with Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, and Best Available Techniques, the environmental risks or effects of pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment arising from the mining operation following the approval of the Plan of Work. It shall keep under surveillance the effects of the mining operation to determine whether it is having or likely to have harmful effects on the Marine Environment.

4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

DOSI suggests the removal of DR46ter here and instead include it in DRs 48, 51 and 52 to provide more clarity to the structure of the regulations. Alternatively, if DR46ter is retained here, we suggest that reference to the Standards is included in 46ter 1, which is specified in DR45 (Standard for monitoring). We also suggest the removal of pollution and other hazards to ensure the scope of the regulations is sufficiently broad to include all environmental impacts and risks.

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DR 46ter 2

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A Contractor shall establish and implement an environmental management and monitoring programme plan after approval by the Authority and the sponsoring State or States in the establishment and implementation of the Contractor's environmental monitoring programmes environmental management and monitoring plan.

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DOSI suggests the removal of DR46ter here and instead include it in DRs 48, 51 and 52 to provide more clarity to the structure of the regulations. Alternatively, if DR46ter is retained here, we suggest that DR46ter 2 needs to include a clarification that the environmental monitoring programme is a component of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, and it should be implemented following the approval of the EMMP and the overall Plan of Work. The current wording seems to suggest that the EMMP is implemented after the environmental monitoring programme is approved. DOSI supports the changes proposed by PEW.