

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART III**

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council@isa.org.im](mailto:council@isa.org.im).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

IWG Environment

**2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

International Cable Protection Committee (“ICPC”).

**3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

**Regulation 48bis**

**4. 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.**

4. Contractors should apply for the approval for test mining projects from the Authority in accordance with all relevant Standards and Guidelines and the criteria set forth in Regulation 13(1)(g). The potential effects of test mining projects shall be assessed in the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment. Potentially affected States, international organisations and relevant stakeholders shall be consulted in furtherance of Articles 87 and 147 of the Convention and in accordance with Regulation 31(1)(alt.)(bis) as set forth in the President’s Text, ISBA/27/C/WOW/CRP.1 and any ~~the~~ relevant Standards and Guidelines.

**5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]**

ICPC supports in the inclusion of text in in the Regulation 48bis proposed by Germany to address the risks of uncoordinated test mining to submarine cables. Absent modification of the Exploration Regulations to address this need for coordination with respect to test mining, the ICPC does not support treatment of test mining under the Exploration Regulations.