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## **RE: THE PROPOSED MARINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO BE LANDED AT VAN RIEBECKSTRAND**

**Dear Sir**

We note that the proposed Marine Telecommunications System to be landed at van Riebeckstrand on the west coast of South Africa is to cross the shelf within the existing corridor for undersea cables. As this corridor is already closed to fishing, the proposed new cable will have no further impact on the fishing industry. Therefore the Branch: Fisheries Management of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has no objection to the proposal, provided that the routing across the continental shelf remains within the existing cable corridor.

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DDG: Fisheries Management

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