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Towing of 360m long pipeline from Qbajjar to Fõondoq

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta notifies all mariners, owners of vessels that a 360m long HDPE pipeline will be towed from Qbajjar to Fõondoq.

The first part which will start early morning on Monday 9th August 2021 and which will continue for a number of hours, consists of the vessel “Seawolf” pulling the pipeline from land where it has been stored and held afloat.

The next step is the actual towing from Qabbar to Fõondoq, the pipeline will be towed by the “Seawolf” while another vessel will be at the other end of the pipeline to keep it straight, the vessels will be moving at a slow speed and will be restricted in manoeuvrability.

Once they arrive at Fõondoq the pipeline will be inserted into an already formed sub sea tunnel.

The whole process is expleted to finish some time on Wednesday 11th August 2021. They will be working day and night and the vessels will show the signals as per the International Code of Signals.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution, and at slow speed when in the vicinity. All vessels shall give the above support vessels and the “Seawolf” a wide berth of at least 400m when spotted. Instructions given on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS are to be complied with.

Chart affected: **BA 211**