



MIDDLE EAST NAVIGATION AIDS SERVICE NAVTEX WARNING - MENAS BAHRAIN via BAHRAIN RADIO (A9M)

NAVIGATION WARNING TO ALL GULF SHIPPING

NAV NO: 065/2017

DATE: 2nd May 2017

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TEXT OF WARNING

Southern Gulf: Dredging Operation and Temporary Closure of RMC / Stevin Rock Channel

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On the 2nd May sinker pipelines will be surface assembled between the project exclusion zone and an area behind the RAK Maritime City breakwater, after which they will be submerged to the seabed. During the time period 0800 to 1400 hours on 2nd May the access channel to and from Stevin Rock Harbour/RMC will be closed. Stand-by vessels will be located either side of the pipe to ensure safety and prevent small vessels attempting to cross the sinker pipeline. Advance notice will be given to all Mariners by RMC Port Control on VHF Channel 14 & 69.

Dredging is due to commence on the 4th May within the exclusion zone and dredged materials will be pumped through the sinker pipeline.

The Marker buoy, a temporary green buoy, will be placed in position 25-58.118N, 056-02.738E and will be lit "ISO Fl Green 2-3 miles" to identify the sinker pipeline.

Therefore, all mariners to be aware of project exclusion zone and underwater pipelines while entering and leaving RAK Maritime City / Stevin Rock Harbour and requested to exercise extreme caution when transiting.

Duration – Six weeks

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