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# Agreement

between the Government of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Northern Ireland and  
the Government of the Republic of Ireland

concerning the  
**Delimitation of Areas of the Continental Shelf**  
between the two Countries

Dublin, 7 November 1988

[The Agreement entered into force on 11 January 1990]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
April 1990*

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**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND  
CONCERNING THE  
DELIMITATION OF AREAS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES**

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ireland,

Wishing to open up further opportunities for their respective off-shore petroleum and related industries by establishing boundaries between their respective parts of the continental shelf,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

**Irish Sea and South-West Area**

(1) The boundary between the parts of the continental shelf which appertain to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, respectively, in the area south of latitude 53°39' North shall be a line composed of parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude joining, in the sequence given in Schedule A to this Agreement, the points set out in that Schedule.

(2) This line, described as "Line A", has been drawn by way of illustration on Map A annexed to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 2**

**North-West Area**

(1) The boundary between the parts of the continental shelf which appertain to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, respectively, in the area west of longitude 6°45' West shall be a line composed of parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude joining, in the sequence given in Schedule B to this Agreement, the points set out in that Schedule.

(2) This line, described as "Line B", has been drawn by way of illustration on Map B annexed to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 3**

**Cross-Boundary Fields**

If any oil, gas or condensate field extends across Line A or Line B and the part of such field which is situated on one side of the line is exploitable, wholly or in part, from the other side of the line, the two Governments shall make determined efforts to reach agreement as to the exploitation of such field.

**ARTICLE 4**

**Continental Margin**

Nothing in this Agreement affects the position of either Government concerning the location of the outer edge of its continental margin.

**ARTICLE 5**

**Entry Into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the two Governments exchange notifications of their acceptance of this Agreement<sup>1</sup>.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in two originals at Dublin this 7th day of November, 1988.

For the Government of the United  
Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland:

**GEOFFREY HOWE**

For the Government of the Republic of  
Ireland:

**BRIAN LENIHAN**

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<sup>1</sup> The Agreement entered into force on 11 January 1990.

## SCHEDULE A

<i>Position</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
1	53° 39'.00N	5° 17'.00W
2	53° 32'.00N	5° 17'.00W
3	53° 32'.00N	5° 19'.00W
4	53° 26'.00N	5° 19'.00W
5	53° 26'.00N	5° 20'.00W
6	53° 09'.00N	5° 20'.00W
7	53° 09'.00N	5° 19'.00W
8	52° 59'.00N	5° 19'.00W
9	52° 59'.00N	5° 22'.50W
10	52° 52'.00N	5° 22'.50W
11	52° 52'.00N	5° 24'.50W
12	52° 44'.00N	5° 24'.50W
13	52° 44'.00N	5° 28'.00W
14	52° 32'.00N	5° 28'.00W
15	52° 32'.00N	5° 22'.80W
16	52° 24'.00N	5° 22'.80W
17	52° 24'.00N	5° 35'.00W
18	52° 16'.00N	5° 35'.00W
19	52° 16'.00N	5° 39'.00W
20	52° 12'.00N	5° 39'.00W
21	52° 12'.00N	5° 42'.00W
22	52° 08'.00N	5° 42'.00W
23	52° 08'.00N	5° 46'.00W
24	52° 04'.00N	5° 46'.00W
25	52° 04'.00N	5° 50'.00W
26	52° 00'.00N	5° 50'.00W
27	52° 00'.00N	5° 54'.00W
28	51° 58'.00N	5° 54'.00W
29	51° 58'.00N	5° 57'.00W
30	51° 54'.00N	5° 57'.00W
31	51° 54'.00N	6° 00'.00W
32	51° 50'.00N	6° 00'.00W
33	51° 50'.00N	6° 06'.00W
34	51° 40'.00N	6° 06'.00W
35	51° 40'.00N	6° 18'.00W
36	51° 30'.00N	6° 18'.00W
37	51° 30'.00N	6° 33'.00W
38	51° 20'.00N	6° 33'.00W
39	51° 20'.00N	6° 42'.00W
40	51° 10'.00N	6° 42'.00W
41	51° 10'.00N	6° 48'.00W
42	51° 00'.00N	6° 48'.00W
43	51° 00'.00N	7° 03'.00W
44	50° 50'.00N	7° 03'.00W
45	50° 50'.00N	7° 12'.00W
46	50° 40'.00N	7° 12'.00W
47	50° 40'.00N	7° 36'.00W
48	50° 30'.00N	7° 36'.00W
49	50° 30'.00N	8° 00'.00W
50	50° 20'.00N	8° 00'.00W
51	50° 20'.00N	8° 12'.00W
52	50° 10'.00N	8° 12'.00W
53	50° 10'.00N	8° 24'.00W
54	50° 00'.00N	8° 24'.00W
55	50° 00'.00N	8° 36'.00W
56	49° 50'.00N	8° 36'.00W
57	49° 50'.00N	8° 45'.00W
58	49° 40'.00N	8° 45'.00W
59	49° 40'.00N	8° 54'.00W
60	49° 30'.00N	8° 54'.00W

## SCHEDULE A

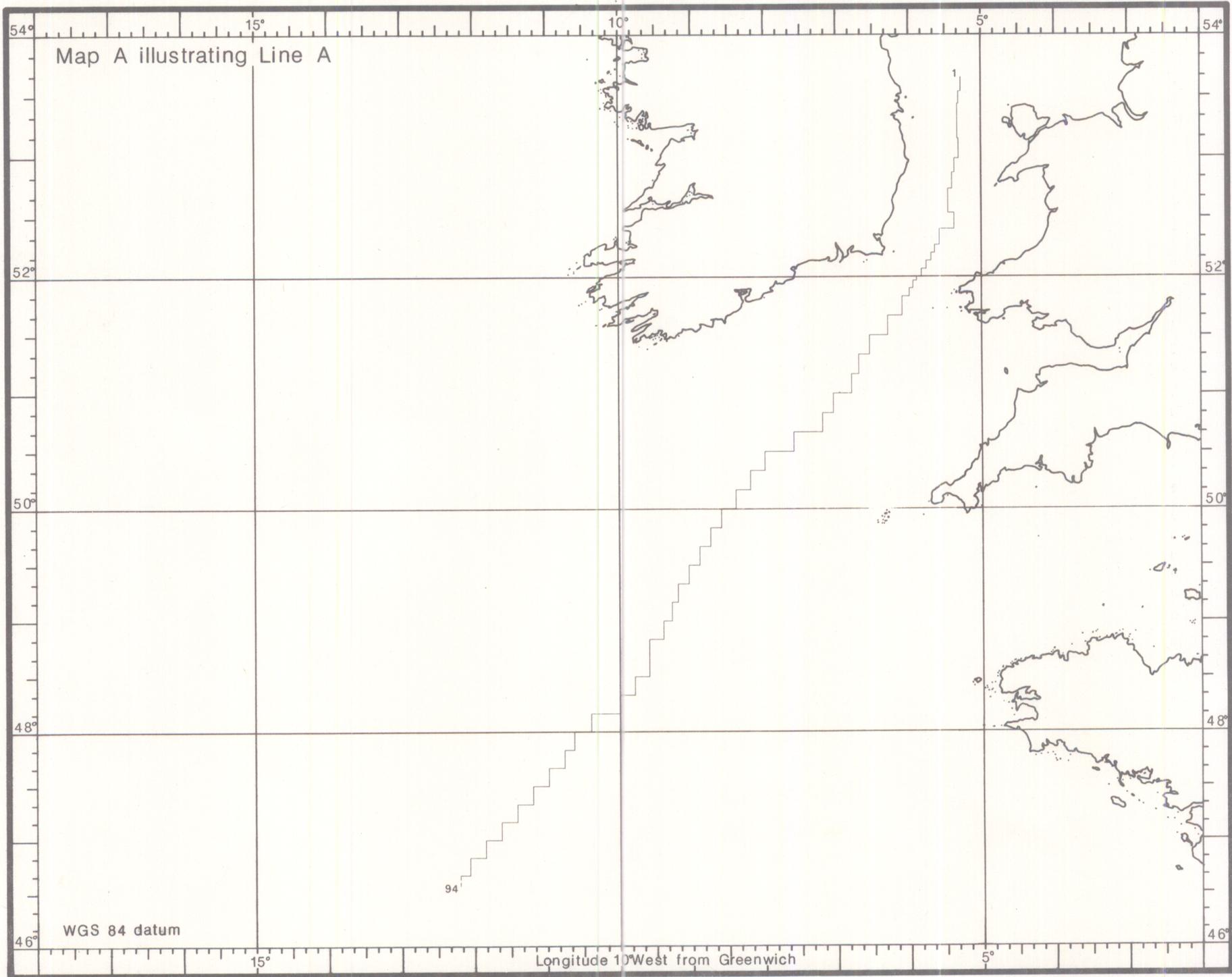
<i>Position</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
61	49° 30'.00N	9° 03'.00W
62	49° 20'.00N	9° 03'.00W
63	49° 20'.00N	9° 12'.00W
64	49° 10'.00N	9° 12'.00W
65	49° 10'.00N	9° 17'.00W
66	49° 00'.00N	9° 17'.00W
67	49° 00'.00N	9° 24'.00W
68	48° 50'.00N	9° 24'.00W
69	48° 50'.00N	9° 36'.00W
70	48° 30'.00N	9° 36'.00W
71	48° 30'.00N	9° 48'.00W
72	48° 20'.00N	9° 48'.00W
73	48° 20'.00N	10° 00'.00W
74	48° 10'.00N	10° 00'.00W
75	48° 10'.00N	10° 24'.00W
76	48° 00'.00N	10° 24'.00W
77	48° 00'.00N	10° 38'.00W
78	47° 50'.00N	10° 38'.00W
79	47° 50'.00N	10° 46'.00W
80	47° 40'.00N	10° 46'.00W
81	47° 40'.00N	10° 59'.00W
82	47° 30'.00N	10° 59'.00W
83	47° 30'.00N	11° 12'.00W
84	47° 20'.00N	11° 12'.00W
85	47° 20'.00N	11° 25'.00W
86	47° 10'.00N	11° 25'.00W
87	47° 10'.00N	11° 38'.00W
88	47° 00'.00N	11° 38'.00W
89	47° 00'.00N	11° 51'.00W
90	46° 50'.00N	11° 51'.00W
91	46° 50'.00N	12° 04'.00W
92	46° 40'.00N	12° 04'.00W
93	46° 40'.00N	12° 12'.00W
94	46° 34'.00N	12° 12'.00W

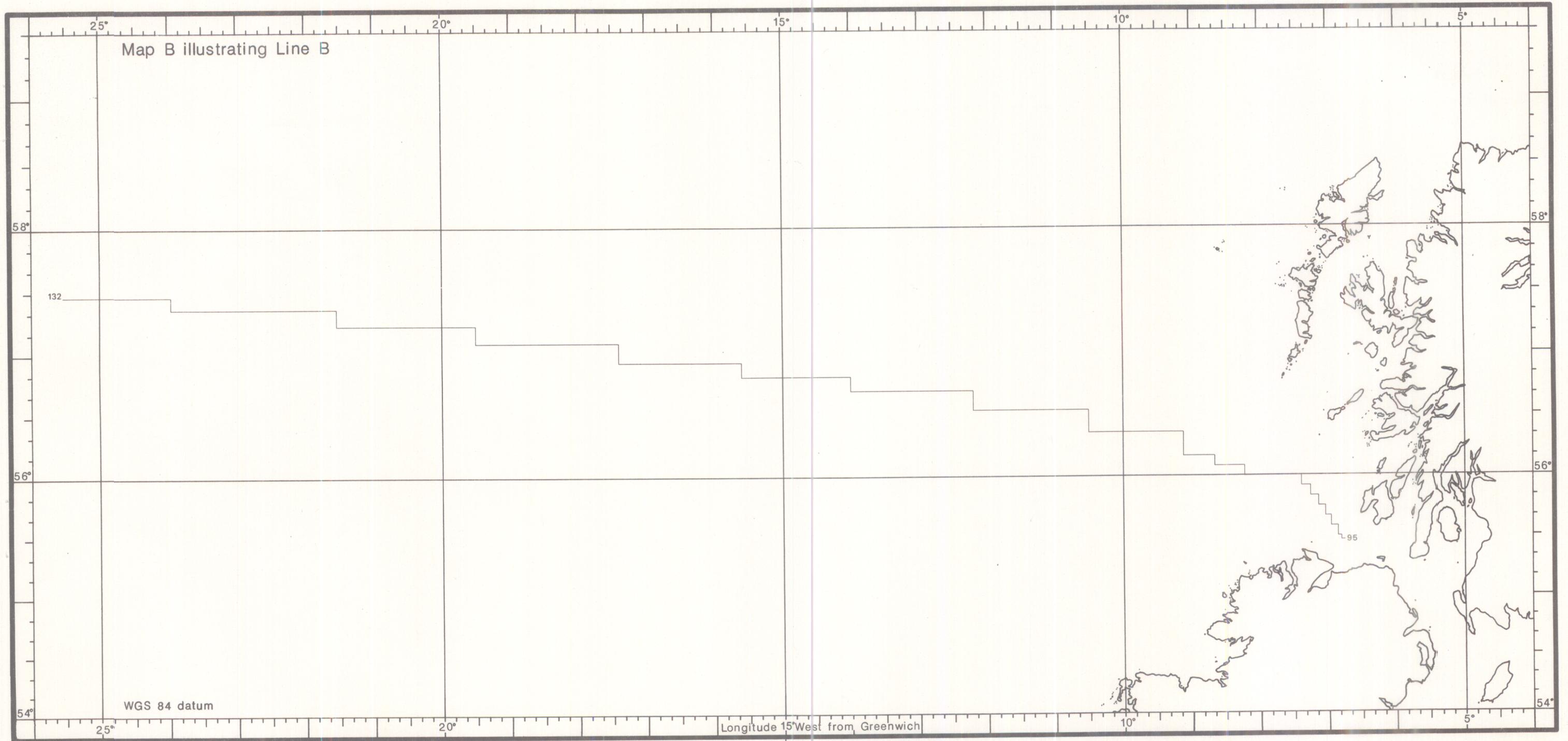
The positions of points 1 to 94 are defined by co-ordinates of latitude and longitude on World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84).

## SCHEDULE B

<i>Position</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
95	55° 28'.00N	6° 45'.00W
96	55° 28'.00N	6° 48'.00W
97	55° 30'.00N	6° 48'.00W
98	55° 30'.00N	6° 51'.00W
99	55° 35'.00N	6° 51'.00W
100	55° 35'.00N	6° 57'.00W
101	55° 40'.00N	6° 57'.00W
102	55° 40'.00N	7° 02'.00W
103	55° 45'.00N	7° 02'.00W
104	55° 45'.00N	7° 08'.00W
105	55° 50'.00N	7° 08'.00W
106	55° 50'.00N	7° 15'.00W
107	55° 55'.00N	7° 15'.00W
108	55° 55'.00N	7° 23'.00W
109	56° 00'.00N	7° 23'.00W
110	56° 00'.00N	8° 13'.00W
111	56° 05'.00N	8° 13'.00W
112	56° 05'.00N	8° 39'.50W
113	56° 10'.00N	8° 39'.50W
114	56° 10'.00N	9° 07'.00W
115	56° 21'.50N	9° 07'.00W
116	56° 21'.50N	10° 30'.00W
117	56° 32'.50N	10° 30'.00W
118	56° 32'.50N	12° 12'.00W
119	56° 42'.00N	12° 12'.00W
120	56° 42'.00N	14° 00'.00W
121	56° 49'.00N	14° 00'.00W
122	56° 49'.00N	15° 36'.00W
123	56° 56'.00N	15° 36'.00W
124	56° 56'.00N	17° 24'.00W
125	57° 05'.50N	17° 24'.00W
126	57° 05'.50N	19° 30'.00W
127	57° 14'.00N	19° 30'.00W
128	57° 14'.00N	21° 32'.00W
129	57° 22'.00N	21° 32'.00W
130	57° 22'.00N	23° 57'.40W
131	57° 28'.00N	23° 57'.40W
132	57° 28'.00N	25° 31'.50W

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