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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE FOR MARINE CABLE INSTALLATION WORKS

Licence Number: 04368/18/0

Reference Number: 04368

Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the licensing authority") hereby authorise:

**Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Ltd**  
**Inveralmond House**  
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**Perth**  
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to deposit in the sea the substances or articles (except for dredge spoil) used in the execution of works described in Part 1 of the attached Schedule. The licence is subject to the conditions of use set out, or referred to, in Part 2 of the said Schedule.

This licence shall be valid from 24 January 2018 to 30 April 2018.

Signed:

Michael Bland

For and on behalf of the licensing authority

Date: 24 January 2018



Part 1 - Particulars

1. Name and address of agent acting on behalf of licensee (if appropriate):

As per Licensee

2. Location of works:

Noss Head To 12 nautical miles Subsea Cable, on a line (+/- 100m) located by joining the points:

58° 20.869' N 002° 43.234' W	58° 27.353' N 002° 51.067' W
58° 27.366' N 002° 51.086' W	58° 27.379' N 002° 51.108' W
58° 27.389' N 002° 51.133' W	58° 27.398' N 002° 51.160' W
58° 27.404' N 002° 51.182' W	58° 27.627' N 002° 52.173' W
58° 27.633' N 002° 52.204' W	58° 27.635' N 002° 52.224' W
58° 27.696' N 002° 52.802' W	58° 27.699' N 002° 52.834' W
58° 27.699' N 002° 52.855' W	58° 27.695' N 002° 54.082' W
58° 27.693' N 002° 54.120' W	58° 27.646' N 002° 54.698' W
58° 27.644' N 002° 54.736' W	58° 27.643' N 002° 55.133' W
58° 27.643' N 002° 55.162' W	58° 27.733' N 002° 56.787' W
58° 27.733' N 002° 56.816' W	58° 27.731' N 002° 57.418' W
58° 27.729' N 002° 57.456' W	58° 27.681' N 002° 58.035' W
58° 27.680' N 002° 58.073' W	58° 27.670' N 003° 00.429' W
58° 27.670' N 003° 00.603' W	58° 27.671' N 003° 00.689' W
58° 27.671' N 003° 00.720' W	58° 27.671' N 003° 00.772' W
58° 27.672' N 003° 01.532' W	58° 27.673' N 003° 01.551' W
58° 27.675' N 003° 01.592' W; and	

on a line (+/- 500m) located by joining the points:

58° 27.723' N 003° 01.969' W	58° 27.748' N 003° 02.171' W
58° 27.750' N 003° 02.195' W	58° 27.752' N 003° 02.236' W
58° 27.748' N 003° 02.623' W	58° 27.749' N 003° 02.648' W
58° 27.751' N 003° 02.673' W	58° 27.755' N 003° 02.698' W
58° 27.761' N 003° 02.722' W	58° 27.768' N 003° 02.744' W
58° 27.778' N 003° 02.764' W	58° 27.794' N 003° 02.802' W
58° 27.959' N 003° 03.153' W	

3. Description of works:

Subsea cable installation, HDD duct grouting and rock and boulder clearance, Noss, Caithness to 12 nautical miles.

As described in application dated 15 November 2011, and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

4. Nature and quantity of all deposits below Mean High Water Springs:

**Permanent Deposits**

Directional drill lining pipe, 4 No. (400 mm diameter), 1000 m

HVDC subsea cables, 2 No. (150 mm diameter), 34000 m

Fibre optic control cable (22 mm diameter), 34000 m

Polyethylene protection sleeves (Uraduct, Techmar or similar, 400 mm, each unit deposited as required), 1200 m

Grout, 44 m<sup>3</sup>

Roxtec seal, 2 No.

Plastic isolation valves, 4 No.

Rock armour (size range 25 mm to 600 mm and 1.65 m to 2.2 m), 18000 Te

Cast Iron Shells, (326 mm diameter), 200 m length

(Less any materials already deposited under authority of licence numbers 04368/12/0, 04368/13/0, 04368/16/0, 04368/17/0, 04368/17/1 and 04368/17/2).

Part 2 - Conditions

Prior to Commencement of the Works

1. The licensee must, prior to the commencement of operations relating to the licence, notify the licensing authority of the proposed date of commencement of those operations.
2. The licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is given to all contractors appointed to carry out any part, or all, of the operations relating to the licence. The licensee must ensure that all such contractors are clear about the extent of the operations for which the licence has been given, and the conditions which are attached to the licence.
3. The licensee must ensure that details of operations relating to the licence are promulgated to all appropriate maritime users, through notice(s) to mariners (NtM) and/or radio navigational warnings and publication in appropriate bulletins, no later than one week prior to the commencement of cable laying operations. The NtM and publications must, as a minimum, state the nature and the proposed timescale of any works carried out in the marine environment relating to the deposit of substances or objects listed in part one of the licence.
4. The licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, Aberdeen Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) is informed of operations relating to the licence no later than ten working days prior to the commencement of operations relating to the licence.
5. The licensee must ensure that details of operations relating to the licence are promulgated prior to commencement of the works in the Kingfisher Fortnightly Bulletin to inform maritime users, and in particular, the fishing industry of the vessel routes, the proposed timings of the works and the locations of each cable laying operation along the cable corridor as defined in Part 1 of the licence.
6. The licensee must ensure that once the successful contractor has been appointed, method statements, cable protection requirements and a cable burial plan are provided to the licensing authority for review
- 7 The licensee must, in consultation with the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, provide a Fisheries Liaison Plan and Mitigation Action Plan for the licensing authority to review before any works are undertaken.
8. The licensee must ensure that a final Construction Environmental Management Document (CEMD), including the Marine Mammal Protection Plan is submitted for review by the licensing authority, SEPA and SNH once the successful contractor has been appointed. The CEMD will contractually obligate SHETL mitigation commitments and conditions to the appointed contractors.
9. The licensee must undertake a pre-lay survey of the cable route through the Noss Head MPA as defined in Part 1 of the licence. The survey specification must be in line with advice provided by SNH and be designed to produce results suitable to establish a baseline and inform post-lay monitoring.

During the Works

10. The licensee must ensure that the cable is protected continuously by polyethylene (Uraduct, Techmar or similar) across the Horse mussel bed that forms the Noss Head MPA and to a distance of 100m on either side of the mussel bed.

11. The licensee must ensure that no rock is placed within 100m of the Horse mussel bed that forms the Noss Head MPA.

12. The licensee must ensure that only the deposits listed in Part 1 of the licence are deposited during the operations relating to the licence and that all substances or objects deposited during the execution of the works are inert and do not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

13. The licensee must ensure that any debris or waste materials arising during the course of operations relating to the licence are removed from the site of the works for disposal at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs.

14. The licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: sdr@ukho.gov.uk; tel.: 01823 337900) of the progress of the works and supply a copy of the licence and, wherever possible, 'as laid plans' in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made. The Licensee must notify the licensing authority at the time of such notification.

15. The licensee must ensure that operations relating to the licence are carried out in accordance with the Environmental Appraisal, associated addendum and the cable burial plan.

16. The cable must be buried where possible, and jetting trenchers and ploughs must be operated in a manner to minimise, so far as is possible, impacts on the seabed.

17. The licensee must ensure that appropriate steps are taken to minimise damage to the beach, foreshore and seabed by operations relating to the licence.

18. The licensee must ensure that the best method of practice is used in order to minimise re-suspension of sediment during operations relating to the licence.

19. The licensee must ensure that suitable bunding and storage facilities are employed to prevent the release into the marine environment of fuel oils and lubricating fluids associated with the plant and equipment.

20. The licensee must ensure that any jack up barges utilised during operations relating to the licence, when jacked up, exhibit signals in accordance with the UK Standard Marking Schedule for Offshore Installations.

21. The licensee must consult with the local navigation authority and the Harbour Commissioners, where appropriate, who may wish to issue local warnings to alert those navigating in the vicinity to the presence of the works during the operations relating to the licence.

22. The licensee must ensure that no operations relating to the licence enter any recognised anchorages within the cable corridor, as illustrated on Admiralty Charts.

23. The licensee must ensure that whilst any operations relating to the licence are being carried out, marking and lighting of the cable vessel and any other support vessels must be in accordance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

24. The licensee must ensure that operations relating to the licence and any associated temporary works are marked and/or lighted as required by the Northern Lighthouse Board and the marking is to be continued unless and until the licensing authority rescind this direction.

26. If it is desired by the licensee to display any marks or lights not required by this licence then details of such marks or lights must be submitted to the Northern Lighthouse Board and their ruling must be complied with. The display of unauthorised marks or lights is prohibited.

27. The licensee must ensure that the cable-laying vessel(s) are equipped with and use Automatic Identification System (AIS) and Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA).

28. The licensee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure existing and future safe navigation is not compromised. A maximum of 5% reduction in surrounding depth referenced to Chart Datum must not be exceeded without the approval of the licensing authority in consultation with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).

29. The licensee must ensure that local Notices to Mariners are issued as necessary following any local navigation issues arising as a result of operations relating to the licence.

30. If, in the opinion of the licensing authority, the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required to deal with any emergency arising from:—

- a) The failure to mark and light the works as required by licence;
- b) The maintenance of the works; and
- c) The drifting or wreck of the works.

The licensee is liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.

31. In the event of the operations relating to the licence being discontinued prior to completion, any deposits shall be removed to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

32. The licensee must allow appropriate assistance to facilitate inspection of the works by any authorised Enforcement Officer.

33. The licensee must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at the office of the licensee and on all cable laying vessels.

34. In the event of the licensee becoming aware that any of the information on which the issue of the licence was based has changed, the licensing authority must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable.

35. In the event of the licensee becoming aware of information indicating that any part of the licensed works has become a danger to navigation or protection of legitimate users of the sea, the licensee must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the licensing authority, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) and the Kingfisher Information Service Offshore Renewables and Cable Awareness (KIS-ORCA) to communicate

the hazard to the maritime community. The licensee is responsible for the payment of all costs to discharge this condition.

36. The licensee must, within four weeks of becoming aware of any danger to navigation or risk to any legitimate user of the sea arising from any part of the licensed works or of notice being given by the licensing authority at any time it is considered necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation or protection of legitimate users of the sea, submit a mitigation plan to the licensing authority for approval. The mitigation plan must review the possibility for removal of, or alteration to, the deposits below the level of Mean High Water Springs. The licensee is responsible for the payment of all costs to discharge this condition.

37. In the event of the licensee becoming aware of any part of the licensed works within the Noss Head MPA being free spanning the licensee must, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform the licensing authority.

38. The licensee must, within four weeks of becoming aware of any freespanning sections of cable across the Noss Head MPA, submit proposals for appropriate mitigation to the licensing authority for approval. In granting such approval, the licensing authority may consult any such advisors, organisations or stakeholders as may be required at their discretion. The licensee is responsible for the payment of all costs to discharge this condition.

39. The licensee must ensure that real-time data relating to cable laying, rock protection or post-lay surveying, either by the immediate dissemination of data or by the presence of a fisheries observer on board any vessel undertaking such work, is provided to relevant recipients (to be agreed by the licensing authority).

40. The licensee must submit to the licensing authority, within eight weeks of the completion of pre-lay surveys (subject to operational constraints), proposals for post lay monitoring of the cable route through the Noss Head MPA as defined in Part 1 of the licence.

#### On Completion of Works

41. The licensee must notify the licensing authority of the completion of all operations relating to the licence within one week of completion of operations relating to the licence.

42. The licensee must, within four weeks of completion of operations relating to the licence or within four weeks of the date of expiry of the licence, whichever is the sooner, submit a written report to the licensing authority stating the nature and quantity of all substances and articles deposited below Mean High Water Springs under authority of the licence. Where applicable, nil returns shall be provided.

43. The licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: sdr@ukho.gov.uk; tel.: 01823 337900) on completion of operations relating to the licence supplying a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as laid plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made. The Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority of the notification at the time it is made.

44. The licensee must, following the completion of all operations relating to the licence, notify the licensing authority, Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO), Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB), the Kingfisher Information Service Offshore Renewables and Cable Awareness (KIS-ORCA) and the UK International Cable Protection

Committees of the cable route and a 500m zone either side of it as a hazardous area for anchoring. The Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority of the notifications at the time they are made.

45. The licensee must ensure that the foreshore is returned to the original state or as close as reasonably practicable, following the completion of operations relating to the licence.

46. The licensee must undertake and submit to the licensing authority, within eight weeks of the completion of operations relating to the licence (subject to operational constraints), an assessment of any risks posed by the final sub-sea cable route, burial depths and un-trenched areas where mechanical and any other protection measures were used within the cable route, to the satisfaction of the licensing authority, the purpose of which is to ensure that the safety of navigation and other legitimate users of the sea is not compromised.



## NOTES

1. You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the licensed operations. The issue of the licence does not absolve the licensee from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc which may be required under any other legislation.
2. In the event that the licensee wishes any of the particulars set down in the Schedule to be altered, the licensing authority shall be immediately notified of the alterations. It should be noted that changes can invalidate a licence, and that an application for a new licence may be necessary.
3. Under Section 30 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the licensing authority may vary, suspend or revoke the licence, if it appears to the authority that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of the licence or for any other reason that appears to be relevant to the authority.
4. Under Section 39 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, it is an offence to carry on a licensable marine activity or cause or permit any other person to carry on such an activity without a marine licence or fails to comply with any condition of a marine licence. It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under Section 40 in relation to any activity to prove that the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purposes of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure (*'force majeure'*), and that the person took steps within a reasonable time to provide full details of the incident to the licensing authority. (Under Annex II, Article 7 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-east Atlantic, the licensing authority is obliged to immediately report *'force majeure'* incidents to the Convention Commission).
5. All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:

Licensing Operations Team  
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Marine Laboratory  
375 Victoria Road  
Aberdeen  
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