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Our Ref: MS-00010583

Date: 15th March 2024

Dear Mr Milne,

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

*Ardersier Port (Scotland) Limited (per Envirocentre Ltd) - Capital Dredging and Deposit Variation, Ardersier, Nairn*

I refer to your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 requesting a revision to licence number MS-00010328.

I am pleased to inform you that the licensing authority has no objections to the issue of a varied licence and I therefore enclose licence number MS-00010583. You are advised to carefully check the licence and schedule documents, and if there are any errors you should contact myself immediately.

Please note that this licence supersedes your previous marine licences (licence numbers 06859/19/1, MS-00009478, MS-00009690, MS-00009936 and MS-00010328). Should you proceed to undertake the Licensed Activity under the authority of this licence, the licensed activity authorised under the previous marine licences is not permitted.

Please also note the licence conditions relating to amendment of the licence or schedule documents. If circumstances arise which necessitate changes to your licence you should advise the licensing authority as soon as possible. After a licence has expired, it cannot be amended or extended in any way, and a new licence application (accompanied by the relevant fee) is required. Processing the new application may take up to fourteen weeks from the date of receipt of the application fee. Any amendment to the licence is also likely to be subject to the screening process.

I would also draw your attention to the NatureScot consultation response, dated 26 February 2024 regarding the safeguarding of Whiteness Head Spit. NatureScot request the creation of plans detailing the safeguarding of Whiteness Head Spit to secure its long-term viability for the purposes of scientific value and future port operations. These plans must be submitted in writing to the Licensing Authority for approval.

In relation to the licensed activities, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency recommends adopting the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC), which sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. The Code is not mandatory, however it is endorsed by the UK Government, devolved administrations, and representatives from across the marine industry sector. It is applicable to both Statutory Harbour Authorities (SHA) and non-SHAs including marinas, terminals, marine berths, and jetties. The Department for Transport also publishes the PMSC Guide to Good Practice, which provides useful information and detailed guidance on the safe management of these facilities and is intended to supplement the Code. This can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-good-practice-on-port-marine-operations>

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All correspondence or communications relating to this letter or the licence document should be sent to the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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