

**MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING****LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT, ALTER OR IMPROVE WORKS IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA**

Licence Number: **MS-00010716**

The Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the Licensing Authority") hereby grant a marine licence authorising:

**RJ McLeod (Contractors) Ltd**  
**McLeod House,**  
**Dingwall Business Park,**  
**Strathpeffer Road,**  
**Dingwall**  
**IV15 9XB**

to construct, alter or improve works as described in Part 2. The licence is subject to the conditions set out, or referred to, in Part 3.

The licence is valid from **18 July, 2024** until **31 October, 2025**

[Redacted]

Signed:

Gerry Millar

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 16 July, 2024

## **1. PART 1 - GENERAL**

### **1.1 Interpretation**

In the licence, terms are as defined in Section 1, 64 and 157 of the Marine Scotland Act 2010, and

- a) "**the 2010 Act**" means the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
- b) "**Licensed Activity**" means any activity or activities listed in section 21 of the 2010 Act which is, or are authorised under the licence;
- c) "**Licensee**" means RJ McLeod (Contractors) Ltd
- d) "**Mean High Water Springs**" means any area submerged at mean high water spring tide;
- e) "**Commencement of the Licensed Activity**" means the date on which the first vehicle or vessel arrives on the site to begin carrying on any activities in connection with the Licensed Activity;
- f) "**Completion of the Licensed Activity**" means the date on which the Licensed Activity has been installed in full, or the Licensed Activity has been deemed complete by the Licensing Authority, whichever occurs first;

All geographical co-ordinates contained within the licence are in WGS84 format (latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to three decimal places) unless otherwise stated.

### **1.2 Contacts**

All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:

Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team  
375 Victoria Road  
Aberdeen  
AB11 9DB  
Email: MS.Marinelicensing@gov.scot

### **1.3 Other authorisations and consents**

The Licensee is deemed to have satisfied itself that there are no barriers or restrictions, legal or otherwise, to the carrying on of the Licensed Activities in connection with the licensed activity. The issuing of the licence does not absolve the Licensee from obtaining such other authorisations and consents, which may be required under statute.

### **1.4 Variation, suspension, revocation and transfer**

Under section 30 (1) of the 2010 Act the Licensing Authority may by notice vary, suspend or revoke the licence granted by them if it appears to the Licensing Authority that there has been a breach of any of its provisions. For any such other reason that appears to be relevant to the Licensing Authority under section 30(2) or (3) of the 2010 Act. Under the 2010 Act variations, suspensions, revocations and transfers of licences are subject to the procedures set out in section 31 of the Act.

Under section 30 (7) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by a licensee, the Licensing Authority may vary a licence if satisfied that the variation being applied for is not material.

Under section 30 (8) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by the licensee, the Licensing Authority may transfer the licence from the Licensee to another person.

### **1.5 Breach of requirement for, or conditions of, licence**

Under section 39 of the 2010 Act it is an offence to carry on a Licensable Marine Activity without a marine licence and it is also an offence to fail to comply with any condition of a marine licence.

### **1.6 Defences: actions taken in an emergency**

Under section 40 of the 2010 Act it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 39(1) of the 2010 Act in relation to any activity to prove that –  
the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purpose of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure ('force majeure'), and  
that the person took steps within a reasonable time to inform the Licensing Authority as set out in section 40(2) of the 2010 Act.

### **1.7 Offences relating to information**

Under section 42 of the 2010 Act it is an offence for a person to make a statement which is false or misleading in a material way, knowing the statement to be false or misleading or being reckless as to whether the statement is false or misleading, or to intentionally fail to disclose any material information for the purpose of procuring the issue, variation or transfer of a marine licence or for the purpose of complying with, or purporting to comply with, any obligation imposed by either Part 4 of the 2010 Act or the provisions of this licence.

### **1.8 Appeals**

Under Regulation 3(1) of the Marine Licensing Appeals (Scotland) Regulations 2011 a person who has applied for a marine licence may by summary application appeal to against a decision taken by the Licensing Authority under section 71(1)(b) or (c) or (5) of the Act.

## **2. PART 2 – PARTICULARS**

### **2.1 Agent**

AECOM Limited  
7th Floor, Aurora  
120 Bothwell Street  
Glasgow  
G2 7JS

### **2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity**

UIG HARBOUR, Within the area bounded by joining the points:

57° 35.277' N 006° 22.526' W  
57° 35.265' N 006° 22.445' W  
57° 35.185' N 006° 22.484' W  
57° 35.151' N 006° 22.273' W  
57° 35.112' N 006° 22.275' W  
57° 35.111' N 006° 22.304' W  
57° 35.049' N 006° 22.296' W  
57° 35.046' N 006° 22.361' W  
57° 35.142' N 006° 22.373' W  
57° 35.174' N 006° 22.581' W

### **2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity**

The Uig Ferry Terminal development includes the following components located below the MHWS line:

- Widening of the pier approachway;
- Widening and strengthening of the existing berthing structure;
- Installation of new linkspan, lifting dolphins and bankseat;
- Extension of marshalling area by land reclamation (11,000m<sup>2</sup>) and associated rock armouring; and
- Construction of three oil separators and extension of a culvert pipe.

As described in the application dated 14 February, 2024 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

### **2.4 Descriptions of the materials to be used during the Licensed Activity**

The licence authorises the use of the undernoted construction materials required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the indicative amounts as specified below:

Materials to be used in construction:

17,625 tonnes of steel;  
45.9 tonnes of timber;  
32,944 tonnes of concrete;  
20,250m<sup>2</sup> of plastic/synthetic material;  
109,422 tonnes of sand;  
66,031 tonnes of gravel;  
9,733 tonnes of cobbles;  
34,845 tonnes of boulders;  
1,425 tonnes of bricks, glass and tarmac; and  
180m of pipe

Substances or objects to be removed:

5,290 tonnes of steel;  
193.8 tonnes of timber;  
1,028 tonnes of concrete; and  
55m of pipe

Less any materials already used or removed under authority of marine licence MS-00009632 and MS-00010342

## 2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

As shown in Annex Two

### **3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1 General Conditions**

3.1.1. All conditions attached to this licence bind any person who for the time being owns, occupies or enjoys any use of the works for which this licence has been granted in relation to those licensed activities authorised under item 5 in section 21(1) of the 2010 Act whether or not this licence has been transferred to that person.

3.1.2. The licensee must provide, as soon as is reasonably practicable prior to the licensed activities commencing, the name and function of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor appointed to undertake the licensed activities. Any changes to the supplied details must be notified to the licensing authority, in writing, prior to any agent, contractor or sub-contractor undertaking any licensed activity. The licensee must ensure that only those agents, contractors or sub-contractors notified to the licensing authority are permitted to undertake the licensed activities.

3.1.3. The licensee must give a copy of this licence and any subsequent variations that have been made to this licence in accordance with section 30 of the 2010 Act to any agent, contractor or sub-contractor appointed to carry out any part, or all, of the licensed activities.

3.1.4. The licensee must satisfy themselves that any such agent, contractor or sub-contractor is aware of the extent of the licensed activity for which this licence has been granted, the activity which is licensed and the terms of the conditions attached to this licence.

3.1.5. The licensee must submit full details of the vessels to be utilised in respect of the licensed removal of substances or objects, and their anticipated movements, to the licensing authority no later than one month, or at such a time as agreed with the licensing authority, prior to the commencement of the licensed activity. The vessel details provided must include the vessel type, vessel IMO number and vessel owner or operating company.

The licensee must ensure that a copy of this licence and any subsequent variations made to it in accordance with section 30 of the 2010 Act have been read and understood by the masters of any vessels being used to carry on any licensed activity under this licence, and that a copy of this licence is held on board any such vessel.

3.1.6. The licensee must, where any information upon which the granting of this licence was based has, after the granting of the licence, altered in any material respect, notify the licensing authority of this fact, in writing, as soon as is practicable.

3.1.7. Where it would appear to the licensee that there may be a delay in the submission of the reports, studies or surveys to the licensing authority then the licensee must advise the licensing authority of this fact as soon as is practicable and no later than the time by which those reports, studies or surveys ought to have been submitted to the authority under the terms of this licence. The reports, studies and surveys must include executive summaries, assessments and conclusions and any data may, subject to any rules permitting non-disclosure, be made publically available by the licensing authority, or by any such party appointed, at their discretion.

3.1.8. The licensee must ensure that all reasonable, appropriate and practicable steps are taken at all times to minimise damage to the Scottish marine area caused by the licensed activity authorised under this licence.

3.1.9. The licensee must ensure that any unauthorised debris or waste materials arising during the course of the licensed activities are removed from the site for disposal at an approved location above the tidal level of MHWS.

3.1.10. The licensee must ensure that all substances and materials used during the execution of the licensed activities are inert (or appropriately coated or protected so as to be rendered inert) and do not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

3.1.11. The licensee must ensure that the risk of transferring non-native species to and from the site is kept to a minimum by ensuring appropriate bio-fouling management practices are implemented during the licensed activities.

3.1.12. The licensee must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any persons authorised by the licensing authority at:

- a) the premises of the licensee;
- b) the premises of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor acting on behalf of the licensee;
- c) the site of the licensed activities; and
- d) any onshore premises directly associated with the licensed activities.

3.1.13. Any persons authorised by the licensing authority, must be permitted to inspect the licensed activities at any reasonable time.

3.1.14. Prior to commencement of the licensed activities, the licensee must notify the UK Hydrographic Office to permit the promulgation of maritime safety information through the national Notice to Mariners system.

3.1.15. The licensee must remove the works from below the level of MHWS, or such alterations made, within one month of notice being given by the licensing authority at any time it is considered necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, and not replaced without further consent by the licensing authority. The licensee shall be liable for any expense incurred.

3.1.16. Should the Licensee proceed to undertake the Licensed Activity under the authority of this licence, the Licensed Activity authorised under the previous marine licence in favour of the Highland Council, dated 8 January 2022 and 13 July 2023 (licence numbers MS-00009632 and MS-00010342) is not permitted.

## 3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1. The licensee must notify the licensing authority of the date of commencement of all licensed activities relating to the licence.

3.2.2. The licensee must liaise with the Northern Lighthouse Board to discuss the navigational marking requirement prior to each phase of the construction works. This will include the permanent Aids to Navigation ("AtoN") as well as any temporary AtoN required during the construction phases.

3.2.3. The licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case Zone36@hmcg.gov.uk, The National Maritime Operations Centre is made aware of the licensed activities prior to commencement.

3.2.4. The licensee must issue a Notice to Mariners in advance of the proposed start date, clearly stating the nature and duration of these operations.

3.2.5. The licensee must complete and submit a Proposed Activity Form in the online Marine Noise Registry for all licensable marine activities that will produce loud, low to medium frequency (10Hz-10kHz) impulsive noise no later than 7 days prior to



commencement of the licensable marine activity. If any aspects of the licensable marine activities differ from the Proposed Activity Form in the online Marine Noise Registry, the licensee must complete and submit a new Proposed Activity Form no later than 7 days prior to commencement of the licensable marine activity.

3.2.6. The licensee must produce and adhere to a Flood Risk Management Plan as detailed in the Flood Risk and Climate Change mitigation section of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

3.2.7. The licensee must ensure that the activities are carried out in accordance with a Marine Mammal Management Plan (“MMMP”) which the licensee must submit, in writing, to the licensing authority for their written approval, no later than two months prior to the activities commencing or at such a time as agreed with the licensing authority. It is not permissible for any activities to proceed prior to the granting of such approval. In the event that the licensee wishes to update or amend any of the protocols in the MMMP, the licensee must submit, in writing, details of proposed updates or amendments to the licensing authority for their written approval, no later than one month or at such a time as agreed with the licensing authority, prior to the planned implementation of the proposed updates or amendments. It is not permissible for any activities associated with the proposed updates or amendments to proceed prior to the granting of such approvals.

The MMMP must include consideration of:

- a) the employment of a Marine Mammal Observer (“MMO”)
- b) details of the locations and experience of the MMO
- c) details of the experience of the Passive Acoustic Monitoring (“PAM”) operators
- d) location of the PAM system and when it is to be used
- e) details of the MMO pre-piling watch
- f) details of the communication protocol between the MMO and PAM operators and piling contractors
- g) details of any underwater noise measurement protocols, including the type of system to be used, how the noise levels will be analysed and calibrated and how the levels will be reported to the licensing authority
- h) establishment of a 100m piling mitigation zone for harbour seals and 500m piling mitigation zone for cetaceans
- i) details of the piling soft start procedure.

3.2.8. The licensee must ensure that the licensed activities are carried out in accordance with a Construction Environmental Management Document (“CEMD”) which is to be submitted to the licensing authority no later than two months prior to the start of licensed activities for approval. In the event that the licensee wishes to update or amend the CEMD, the licensee must submit, in writing, details of proposed updates or amendments to the licensing authority for their written approval, no later than two month or at such a time as agreed with the licensing authority, prior to the planned implementation of the proposed updates or amendments. It is not permissible for any licensed activities associated with the proposed updates or amendments to proceed prior to the granting of such approvals. The CEMD must remain consistent with the application and supporting information. The CEMD must contain, but is not limited to containing:

- a) Control measures to limit the risk of marine invasive non-native species;
- b) An oil separator inspection and maintenance plan; and
- c) A programme of archaeological investigations to determine the palaeoenvironmental potential of the peaty deposits and organic sediments.

### 3.3 During the Licensed Activity

3.3.1. The Licensee must ensure that the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (“JNCC”) guidelines for minimising the risk of injury to marine mammals from piling noise dated August 2010 (“JNCC guidelines”) are followed at all times in connection with piling unless further written approval is given by the licensing authority. The guidelines are available from the JNCC website <http://data.jncc.gov.uk/data/31662b6a-19ed-4918-9fab-8fbcff752046/JNCC-CNCB-Piling-protocol-August2010-Web.pdf>.

3.3.2. 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.

3.3.3. The licensee must adhere to the Commercial and Recreational Navigation mitigation detailed in chapter 18 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report .

3.3.4. The licensee must adhere to the Commercial Fisheries mitigation detailed in chapter 19 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

3.3.5. The licensee must ensure that the works are maintained at all times in good repair.

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

3.3.7. The licensee must ensure the best method of practice is used to minimise re-suspension of sediment during the licensed activity.

3.3.8. In the event of the licensed activities being discontinued the works must be removed and the site cleared to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

3.3.9. 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.
- c) The drifting or wreck of the works.

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

3.3.10. The licensee must ensure that no deviation from the schedule specified in the licence is made without the further written approval of the licensing authority.

### 3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1. The licensee must notify the licensing authority of the date of completion of all licensed activities relating to the licence.

3.4.2. The licensee must submit a written report regarding the materials used and substances or objects removed during the licensed activities to the licensing authority. The written report must be submitted on completion of the licensed activities and on the forms provided by the licensing authority no later than 31 October 2026.

3.4.3. The licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) of both progress and on completion of the licensed activities supply a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made.

3.4.4. The licensee must complete and submit a Close-out Report for the licensable marine activities that produced loud, low to medium frequency (10Hz-10kHz) impulsive noise in the online Marine Noise Registry at 6 month intervals during the validity of the licence.

## **NOTES**

1. You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the licensed activity. 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 must 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.