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Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects

Version 1.0

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

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Acronyms

Please note the following acronyms referred to in this application form:

BPEO	Best Practicable Environmental Option
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Mammal Observer
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MS-LOT	Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team
PAM	Passive Acoustic Monitoring
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984

Explanatory Notes

The following numbered paragraphs correspond to the questions on the application form and are intended to assist in completing the form. These explanatory notes are specific to this application and so you are advised to read these in conjunction with the Marine Scotland Guidance for Marine Licence Applicants document.

1. Applicant Details

The person making the application who will be named as the licensee.

2. Agent Details

Any person acting under contract (or other agreement) on behalf of any party listed as the applicant and having responsibility for the control, management or physical deposit or removal of any substance(s) or object(s).

3. Payment

Indicate payment method. Cheques must be made payable to: The Scottish Government.

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4. Application Type

Indicate if the application is for a new construction site or an existing construction site. Provide the existing or previous consent/licence number and expiry date if applicable.

5. Project Details

- (a) Give a brief description of the project (e.g. construction of a new sea outfall).
- (b) Provide the total area of proposed works in square metres.
- (c) Provide the proposed start date of the project. The start date will not be backdated, since to commence a project for which a licence has not been obtained will constitute an offence, which may result in appropriate legal action. A licence is normally valid for the duration of the project but not exceeding 3 years. If a project will not be completed before a marine licence lapses, it will be necessary for licence holders to re-apply for a further licence to continue any ongoing work at least 14 weeks prior to the expiry date of the licence. **Target duration for determination of a marine licence application is 14 weeks.**
- (d) Provide the proposed completion date of the project.
- (e) Provide the cost of the works seawards of the tidal limit of MHWS. This estimate should only cover work taking place below the tidal level of MHWS and must take into consideration the cost of materials, labour fees etc.
- (f) Describe the location of the proposed works. Include a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points of the proposed project. WGS84 is the World Geodetic System 1984 and the reference co-ordinate system used for marine licence applications. Co-ordinates taken from GPS equipment should be set to WGS84. Coordinates taken from recent admiralty charts will be on a WGS84 compatible datum. Ordnance survey maps do not use WGS84. In a few cases, (e.g. laying of long pipelines) it may only be practicable to supply co-ordinates for the start and end points.

Example: For positions read from charts the format should be as in the example: 55°55.555'N 002°22.222'W (WGS84). The decimal point specifies that decimals of minutes are used and the datum is stated explicitly. If seconds are used then the format should be as in the example: 55°55'44"N 2°22'11"W (WGS84).

It is important that the correct positions, in the correct format, are included with this application, as any errors will result in the application being refused or delayed.

To supplement your application, please provide photographs of the project location and submit these with your application. Please also provide a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map (1:2,500 scale but not more than 1:10,000) or Admiralty Chart which must be marked to indicate:

- the full extent of the works in relation to the surrounding area;
- latitude and longitude co-ordinates defining the location of the works;
- the level of MHWS;
- any adjacent SAC, SPA, SSSI, MPA, Ramsar or similar conservation area boundary.

Drawings and plans will be consulted upon. If they are subject to copyright, **it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain necessary approvals to reproduce the documents and to submit suitably annotated copies with the application.**

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Sewer outfalls, discharge pipes for industrial waste etc. The size and description of the pipe must be shown on the longitudinal sections and also details of its supports, foundations, methods of jointing and details of any tidal flaps.

Bridges over tidal waters: An elevation with longitudinal and cross-sections of the bridge to a suitable scale must show the dimensions of the spans and width of piers, etc. above and below MHWS and the maximum and minimum heights of the undersides of the superstructures above MHWS. The headroom above MHWS and the width of span of the nearest bridges, if any, above and below the site must be stated.

Tunnels under tidal waters: The longitudinal section of the tunnel must show the distances between the bed of the river or estuary and the top of the tunnels. Cross-sections must show the internal and external dimensions of the tunnel and particulars of construction. When a proposed future dredging level is known this must also be shown on all sections.

Overhead cables: Catenary must be supplied in addition to the site plan showing the minimum clearance of the cable at MHWS and the electrical clearance allowed.

- (g) Indicate if the project is located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority and provide details of the statutory harbour authority where relevant.
- (h) Provide a full method statement, including schedule of works and the ultimate fate of the structure.
- (i) Provide assessment of the potential impacts the works may have, including interference with other uses of the sea. Please include details of areas of concern e.g designated conservation areas, such as a SAC, SPA, SSSI, MPA or Ramsar site and shellfish harvesting areas. Further guidance on designated conservation areas can be obtained from SNH at this website: <http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/index.jsp> and guidance on shellfish harvesting areas can be obtained from <http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/> with regards to the Shellfish Waters Directive (2006/113/EC) which has parameters set to protect the water quality in which edible shellfish are grown.

Applicants should also be aware of the need to pay due regard to coastal and marine archaeological matters and attention is drawn to Historic Scotland's Operational Policy Paper HP6, "Conserving the Underwater Heritage".

Any application for beach replenishment works must be cross checked as to whether the proposed site is a designated bathing water site. If so, all physical works should ideally be done outwith the Bathing Water Season (1st June to 15th September). Further guidance on the Bathing Waters Directive (2006/7/EC) can be obtained from <http://apps.sepa.org.uk/bathingwaters/>.

Where there are potential impacts from the works, please provide details of proposed mitigation, such as use of MMOs or PAM, in response to potential impacts.

6. Deposits and/or Removals

- (a) Complete the table to indicate all permanent substances or objects to be deposited and/or removed from below MHWS. If you propose using types of substances or objects for which a specific box is not provided in the table, please describe the nature of such substances or objects in the box marked "other".
- (b) Please indicate the method of delivery of any substance(s) or object(s) to be placed below MHWS.
- (c) Where the proposed work involves salt marsh feeding, beach replenishment or land reclamation the description of the substances or objects must include details of its chemical quality. Where the substances or objects have not been chemically analysed, MS-LOT may request representative samples for analysis or require the applicant to arrange for analyses to be undertaken before the marine licence application can be determined.

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- (d) If temporary deposits are required, please provide details as with the permanent deposits above. The temporary deposit location details (Latitude and Longitude WGS84) must be added to the form, and the period of time the site will be used must be provided. If granting a licence, MS-LOT will include on the document details of any area that has been approved as a temporary deposit site.

7. Disposal of Dredged Substance(s) or Object(s) at Sea

- (a) If you are proposing to dispose of any excess substance(s) or object(s) arising from the project at sea, a separate marine licence will be required (see Dredging and Sea Disposal application form). The granting of a marine licence for construction projects does not imply that a marine licence for sea disposal will also be granted as different assessment criteria are used to determine each type of application. If a separate application is being submitted for dredging and sea disposal then this must be accompanied with a BPEO report.
- (b) Provide the quantity of dredged substance(s) or object(s) for sea disposal in wet tonnes.

8. Noise Monitoring

Under the Marine Strategy Regulations (2010), there is now a requirement to monitor loud, low to mid frequency (10Hz to 10kHz) impulsive noise. Activities where this type of noise is produced include seismic airguns, other geophysical surveys (<10kHz), pile driving, explosives and certain acoustic deterrent devices. Where noisy activity is being undertaken, you must complete an initial registration form for the noise registry which allows you to provide details on the proposed work. Completion of a 'close-out' form, which allows licensees to provide details of the actual dates and locations where the activities occurred, is also required within 12 weeks of the completion of the 'noisy' activity or, in the case of prolonged activities such as piling for harbour construction or wind farms, at quarterly intervals or after each phase of foundation installation.

These forms can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/MSInteractive/Themes/noise-reduction>

Marine licence applications will not be accepted until this form has been completed and submitted.

9. Statutory Consenting Powers

Please describe in the answer to this question what (if any) statutory responsibilities you (or your client) have to consent any aspect of the project.

10. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Scotland's National Marine Plan has been prepared in accordance with the EU Directive 2014/89/EU, which came into force in July 2014. The Directive introduces a framework for maritime spatial planning and aims to promote the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources. It also sets out a number of minimum requirements all of which have been addressed in this plan. In doing so, and in accordance with article 5(3) of the Directive, Marine Scotland have considered a wide range of sectoral uses and activities and have determined how these different objectives are reflected and weighted in the marine plan. Land-sea interactions have also been taken into account as part of the marine planning process. Any applicant for a marine licence should consider their proposals with reference to Scotland's National Marine

Plan. A copy of Scotland's National Marine Plan can be found at: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/03/6517/0>

Indicate whether you have considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan and provide details of considerations made with reference to the policies, including but not limited to General Policies 7 and 13 (GEN 7 and GEN 13), that have been considered. If you have not considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan please provide an explanation.

11. Pre-Application Consultation

Certain activities will be subject to public pre-application consultation. Activities affected will be large projects with the potential for significant impacts on the environment, local communities and other legitimate uses of the sea. The new requirement will allow those local communities, environmental groups

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and other interested parties to comment on a proposed development in its early stages – before an application for a marine licence is submitted. Further information can be obtained from: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00439649.pdf>

If applicable, please provide your pre-application consultation report with your application.

12. Consultation (other than carried out under pre-application consultation)

Provide details of all bodies consulted and give details of any consents issued including date of issue.

13. Environmental Assessment

- (a) Under the Marine Works Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2007, there may be a requirement for certain projects to undergo an EIA and produce an ES. If EIA is required, MS-LOT will not determine a marine licence application until the EIA consent decision in respect of the marine licence application has been reached. Please confirm if the project falls under Annex I or II of Directive 85/337/EEC: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32011L0092&from=EN> in relation to the Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007.

Marine licence applications for proposals which fall under the regulations will not be accepted unless a screening opinion has been issued in relation to this.

- (b) Please indicate if an EIA has been undertaken and whether it was for the marine licence application to which this application relates or for any other EIA regulator (e.g local authority). Please attach any previous ES to the application.

MS-LOT will not determine a marine licence application until the EIA consent decision in respect of any regulated activity associated with the marine licence application has been reached.

14. Associated Works

Indicate whether the application is associated with any other marine projects (e.g. land reclamation, marine/harbour construction works, dredging and sea disposal etc). If this is the case, provide reference/licence number for the related marine projects.

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.

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Under Section 54 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, all information contained within and provided in support of this application will be placed on a Public Register. There are no national security grounds for application information not going on the Register under the 2010 Act.

Public Register

Do you consider that any of the information contained within or provided in support of this application should not be disclosed:

(a) for reasons of national security; YES NO

(b) for reasons of confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate commercial interest? YES NO

If YES, to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the information you have provided should be withheld.

WARNING

It is an offence under the Act under which this application is made to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.

Target duration for determination is 14 weeks. Please note that missing or erroneous information in your application and complications resulting from consultation may result in the application being refused or delayed.

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Name of contact (if different):

Telephone No. (inc. dialing code): 01862 852976 or 07710966198

Email: ken.gray@geggroup.com

Statutory Harbour Authority? YES NO

If YES, please provide a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points of the area of harbour jurisdiction using Appendix 01 Additional Co-ordinates form if necessary.

2. Agent Details (if any)

Title: Initials: Surname:

Trading Title (if appropriate):

Address:

Name of contact (if different):

Telephone No. (inc. dialing code):

Email:

3. Payment Enclosed Cheque Invoice

Contact and address to send invoice to:

Applicant Agent Other

If OTHER, please provide contact details:

Title: Initials: Surname:

Address:

Email:

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4. Application Type

Is this application for a new construction site or an existing construction site:

New Site Existing Site

If an **EXISTING SITE**, please provide the consent/licence number and expiry date:

Consent/Licence Number	Expiry Date

5. Project Details

(a) Brief description of the project (e.g. construction of a new sea outfall):

Removal and demolition of two mooring dolphins

(b) Total area of the proposed works (in square metres):

800m3 including dredged area

(c) Proposed start date (Target duration for determination of a marine licence application is 14 weeks):

July 2017

(d) Proposed completion date:

July 2020

(e) Cost of the works seawards of the tidal limit of MHWS:

£ 400,000

(f) Location:

Nigg Energy Park, within the Cromarty Firth

Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) defining the extent of the project (continue on Appendix 01 Additional Co-ordinates form if necessary):

Latitude										Longitude											
5	7	°	4	1	.	6	2	9	'N	0	0	4	°	0	1	.	7	3	4	'W	
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(g) Is the project located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority? YES NO

If YES, please specify statutory harbour authority:

Cromarty Firth Port Authority

(h) Method statement including schedule of work (continue on separate sheet if necessary):

The Nigg Energy Park is situated at the entrance of the Cromarty Firth and is owned and operated by Global Energy Nigg Limited which is part of the Global Energy Group.

The Nigg Port Facility consists of over 800m of alongside quay with depths of between 5m and 12m below chart datum. Over 600m of quay was constructed in 2015 at which time 700,00m³ of capital dredging was undertaken with a further removal of 75,000m³ in 2016. The Port facility was opened in February 2015 with 750,000 gross tonnes of shipping in 2015 and 600,000 gross tonnes of shipping in the first half of 2016. The primary trading of the Port is in the oil and gas sectors, this is expected to move into the offshore renewables sector in 2017 in both offshore wind and wave/tidal developments throughout the North of Scotland. The facility also includes the largest graving dock in Europe which is used to provide both wet and dry dock operations to oil rigs and other vessels.

Global Energy Nigg Limited (GENL) are seeking bids from suitably qualified contractors to remove and demolish two mooring dolphins currently used for temporary moorings for the dock gate. These structure comprise of tubular piles, a fendering system, reinforced concrete decks and associated furniture.

The scope of the works shall be determined by a works licence issued by Marine Scotland under their powers set out in the Marine Scotland Act 2010. However, the client's requirements are for the structures to be removed by underwater cutting methods down to a depth of -14 metres below Chart Datum.

All material should be removed from site and the seabed cleared of all debris and levelled to a depth of -12m below chart datum.

The following depth are below Chart Datum:
 HAT 4.98m
 MHWS 4.30m

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MHWN 3.30m
 MLWN 1.50m
 MLWS 0.60m
 LAT 0.20m

The client will provide a limited area of land and quay space to allow the contractor to land and remove the components of the dolphins in a safe and proper manner. It will be the responsibility of the contractor to remove all recovered material from site and dispose of this in compliance with current legislation, leaving the site in a clean and tidy condition.

- (i) Potential impacts the works may have (including details of areas of concern e.g designated conservation and shellfish harvesting areas) and proposed mitigation in response to potential impacts (continue on separate sheet if necessary):

The Nigg Energy Park is adjoining a designated SSSI, SAC and RAMSA sites being situated at the entrance to the Cromarty Firth.

6. Deposits and/or Removals

- (a) Permanent substance(s) or object(s) to be deposited and/or removed from below MHWS (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Type of Deposit/Removal	Deposits		Removals	
	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)
Steel/Iron		No.	Tubular steel piles with cross members and fendering system	No.8
		Dimensions		Dimensions 838mm
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight 40 tonnes
Timber		No.	Timber decking and fender panels	No2.
		Dimensions		Dimensions 200

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		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight 5 tonnes)
Concrete		No.	No.
		Dimensions	Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight (kg/tonnes)
Plastic/Synthetic		m ²	m ²
Clay (< 0.004 mm)		Volume (m ³)	Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight (kg/tonnes)
Silt ($0.004 \leq$ Silt < 0.063 mm)		Volume (m ³)	(m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	tonnes)
Sand ($0.063 \leq$ Sand < 2.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)	Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight (kg/tonnes)
Gravel ($2.00 \leq$ Gravel < 64.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)	Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight (kg/tonnes)
Cobbles ($64.0 \leq$ Cobbles < 256.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)	Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight (kg/tonnes)
Boulders (≥ 256.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)	Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	Weight (kg/tonnes)
Pipe		Length (m)	Length (m)
		External Diameter (cm/m)	External Diameter (cm/m)
Other (please describe below):			

(b) Method of delivery of substance(s) or object(s):

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When cut down below sea bed level the structural members will be transported to the shore for disposal.

(c) For work involving salt marsh feeding, beach replenishment or land reclamation please provide the following information relating to the substance(s) or object(s) to be deposited:

Quantity (tonnes):

tonnes

Nature of substance(s) or object(s) (e.g. sand, silt, gravel etc.):

Source (if sea dredged state location of origin)

Particle size:

Have the substance(s) or object(s) been chemically analysed?
If YES, please include the analysis data with your application

YES NO

(d) Temporary substance(s) or object(s) to be deposited below MHWS (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

Type of Deposit	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)	
		No.	
Steel/Iron		No.	
		Dimensions	
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	
Timber		No.	
		Dimensions	
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	
Concrete		No.	
		Dimensions	
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	
Plastic/Synthetic			m ²
Clay (< 0.004 mm)		Volume (m ³)	
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	
Silt (0.004 ≤ Silt < 0.063 mm)		Volume (m ³)	
		Weight (kg/tonnes)	
Sand			Volume (m ³)

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(0.063 ≤ Sand < 2.0 mm)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Gravel (2.00 ≤ Gravel < 64.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Cobbles (64.0 ≤ Cobbles < 256.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Boulders (≥ 256.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Pipe		Length (m)
		External Diameter (cm/m)
Other (please describe below):		

7. Disposal of Dredged Substance(s) or Object(s) at Sea

(a) Do you intend to apply for a marine licence for sea disposal of dredged substance(s) or object(s) as part of the project? YES NO

If YES, please specify nature of substance(s) or object(s) (e.g sand, gravel, silt, clay, rock etc.):

Application currently being processed by Marine Scotland Licencing Team.
 Material will be site casted and ploughed level with the sea bed. Alternatively with the approval of Marine Scotland the material will be deposited to the Sutors disposal site under an existing disposal licence.
 Material is sand, silt and gravel.

(b) Quantity of substance(s) or object(s) (wet tonnes):

1,500 wet tonnes (800m3)

A separate marine licence application will be required to be submitted for sea disposal.

8. Noise Monitoring

Will loud, low to mid frequency (10Hz to 10kHz) impulsive noise be produced YES
 NO by the project?

If YES, which please indicate the noise generating activities and sound frequencies:

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Noise Generating Activity	Sound Frequency (Hertz)
Use of Explosives	N/A
Use of Accoustic Deterrent Devices	N/A
Piling	N/A
Other (please describe below):	

If you have ticked **YES**, please complete the Noise Registry – Initial Registration form located at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/MSInteractive/Themes/noise-reduction>

Marine licence applications will not be accepted until this form has been completed and submitted.

9. Statutory Consenting Powers

Do you, or (if appropriate) your client, have statutory powers to consent any aspect of this project?

No

10. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Have you considered the application with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan? YES NO

If **YES**, provide details of considerations made with reference to the policies, including but not limited to General Policies 7 and 13 (GEN 7 and GEN 13), that have been considered:

Under section 13 of Scotland's National Marine Plan the objective of these works are to both improve safety of navigation and the efficient operations of port facilities at Nigg.

The works are in compliance with Marine Planning Policy as follows:

Transport 1 – These works will assist in improving access to the Port facilities, safe navigation and access to the port facilities at Nigg.

Transport 4 – These works will assist in the sustainable development of the port and harbour facilities.

Transport 6 - These works will assist in ensuring that displacement of shipping will be avoided.

Transport 7 – These works will assist the port of Nigg to respond to future market influences and demands.

If **NO**, please provide an explanation of why you haven't considered the National Marine Plan?

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11. Pre-Application Consultation Is the application subject to pre-application consultation, under The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013?

YES NO

If **YES**, please indicate the date of the public notice for the pre-application consultation event and the type of consultation event held (a copy of the public notice must be supplied with this application):

Event Type	Date
Meeting with Marine Scotland officials to outline the reasons and scope of works proposed. (notes taken by Marine Scotland representatives included)	28 September 2016

12. Consultation

List all bodies you have consulted and provide copies of correspondence:

N/A

13. Environmental Assessment

(a) Does the project fall under Annex I or II of the EIA Directive?

Annex I Annex II Neither

If **ANNEX I** or **ANNEX II**, please provide the screening opinion issued to you in relation to the project.

(b) Has an EIA been undertaken:

for the marine licence application to which this application relates YES NO for any other EIA regulator (e.g local authority)

See supporting information provided with this application.

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14. Associated Works

Provide details of other related marine projects, including reference/licence numbers (if applicable):

The works formed part of the works originally included within the marine works licence No. 04897/13/0 ref: FKB/D469 and 04896/15/1 ref: FKB/A1421 which expired on the 31 March 2016. A full EIA was undertaken for these works described as the South Quayside Extension, Nigg Energy Park, Nigg dated May 2013 prepared by Environmental Consultants Grontmij.

Maintenance dredging licence application currently being considered by Marine Scotland.