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Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects

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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.**

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.
- (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 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.

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.

Section 5(e) notes commercially sensitive information i.e. the costs of the work to be carried out.

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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Declaration

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form and related papers is true.

Signature

Date

03/10/2022

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

Application Check List

Please check that you provide all relevant information in support of your application, including but not limited to the following:

- Completed and signed application form
- Project Drawings
- Maps/Charts
- Co-ordinates of the boundary points of the area of harbour jurisdiction (if you are a statutory harbour authority)
- Method Statement
- Photographs of the location of the project
- Additional information e.g. consultation correspondence (if applicable)
- Noise Registry – Initial Registration Form (if applicable)
- Pre-application Report (if applicable)
- Environmental Statement (if applicable)
- Payment (if paying by cheque)



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
1. Section 36 Consent for the construction and operation of the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm (Reference: 012/OW/MORLW – 8) 2. Moray West Wind Farm Marine Licence (Licence Number:MS-00009774) 3. Moray West OfTI Marine Licence (Licence Number: MS-00009813)	1. June 2044 2. 13 June 2044 3. 13 June 2044

5. Project Details

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

Before the majority of the offshore construction and installation works for the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm and associated Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (OfTI) can begin, it will be necessary to undertake pre-construction seabed preparations. These preparations will include the clearance of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) as a necessary measure to mitigate this potentially major risk to safety. Any UXO, identified through a dedicated survey, that are deemed to be hazardous must be removed from the areas in the vicinity of the planned Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) and Offshore Substation Platform (OSP) foundations and inter-array, interconnector and offshore export cables before the construction of these key project elements can commence

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

930000 m²

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

01/11/2022

(d) Proposed completion date:

31/03/2023

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

£

(f) Location:

Moray West Offshore Wind Farm Development Site.

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

Latitude										Longitude									
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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:

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

1. Potential UXOs (pUXOs) Target Identification Operations: November 2022.
 This work will utilise a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to localise, excavate and identify pUXO based on a master target list generated in the UXO survey campaign.

2. UXO Disposal Operations: November 2022 - end of March 2023.
 After all the pUXO targets have been inspected (after consideration of whether they can be avoided), the confirmed and unavoidable UXO targets will need to be cleared in a separate Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) campaign. For this campaign, two vessels will be required, an operations vessel, from which the ROV will be deployed, and a launch vessel. Once all the UXO target inspections are complete, the vessel will return to the confirmed UXO target. The method of disposal shall depend on the target identified, with low order deflagration, low order detonation and high order detonations considered. Whichever EOD system is used by the EOD contractor, the system shall be safe and reliable, and will have undergone a proven safety and performance testing regime. When a "live firing" run is ordered, the charge will be drawn from the on-board explosives magazine (bomb-proof storage location for explosives), fitted to an anchoring system (typically a concrete block) and secured in the manipulator arm of the ROV. Also attached to the anchoring system is a float with the firing line (typically a shock tube). It is common for safety features like Non-Electric Detonators and Hydrostatic Safety Breaks to be fitted to the EOD system immediately prior to the launching of the ROV to ensure there is no accidental firing of the charge.

The ROV will be deployed and return to the target at the designated position. When the ROV is 1 m away from the intended target, the anchoring system will be deployed and placed 0.5 m away from the target. In this way, the EOD system will be placed in the optimum firing position without making any physical contact with the target at any time. Once in position, the float with the firing line will be released from the ROV manipulator and will ascend to the surface paying out the firing line as it ascends. Afterwards, the ROV will be recovered back to the deck. The EOD system will subsequently be in the optimum firing position with the float and firing line at the surface ready to be fitted to the firing mechanism. This is achieved by deploying the launch vessel, with the EOD Technicians onboard, back to the float to connect the firing line to the firing mechanism. At the agreed firing time, the launch vessel will initiate the firing mechanism and fire the EOD main charge. On completion of successful detonation, the launch vessel will return to the target location and recover the surface initiation float.

(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):

An overview of the baseline environment for each environmental parameter and potential impacts on key receptors that may be potentially affected by any UXO clearance activities required within the Moray West Development Site is provided in the UXO Clearance Environmental report (8460005-DG0207-MWW-REP-000001). Each assessment is based on the worst-case scenario of 30 UXO high-order detonations and concludes, based on professional judgement and appraisal of the relevant data, whether the UXO clearance activities are likely to result in an adverse effect on the receptor. No significant effects (alone or cumulatively) are predicted to occur given the small scale and temporary duration of the UXO clearance works, and when considering the mitigation proposed and that already in place for the Project. Embedded mitigation measures are proposed for a number of receptors, namely marine mammals, fish and shellfish, infrastructure and other users, shipping and navigation, commercial fisheries, archaeology and cultural heritage; which will be implemented for the UXO clearance activities to reduce the potential for certain impacts.

The following mitigation will be adopted in relation to the UXO clearance works:

- advanced warning of activities through the promulgation of Notice to Mariners, VHF radio transmissions and direct communication with relevant infrastructure owners;
- implementation of 1,500 m safety exclusion zones around clearance activities;
- vessels will be lit appropriately (i.e., they will display lights and signals in accordance with the UK Standard Marking Schedule for Offshore Installations, and in accordance with the requirements of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea);
- compliance with agreed archaeological AEZs and adherence to the Moray West WSI&PAD at all times during the seabed preparation works;
- UXO will be avoided and left in-situ, if possible. Micrositing of infrastructure, if possible, to avoid any potential UXO, so clearance is not required. Relocation of UXO to where it is not in close proximity to existing or planned infrastructure, so that the UXO can be cleared in a less sensitive area (i.e., outside of a designated site). If the UXO appears structurally sound and there is no risk, the UXO could potentially be moved to a location that is not in a sensitive area for subsequent clearance, subject to a proportional assessment of the risk posed to the vessel and staff from a health and safety perspective.

A UXO-specific Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP) has been prepared for the UXO clearance works, which details the proposed mitigation to avoid or reduce the potential for auditory injury in marine mammals during UXO clearance:

- Low-order clearance as the preferred method to dispose of UXO;
- All UXO clearance to take place in daylight and, when possible, in favourable conditions with good visibility (sea state 3 or less);
- Establishment of a monitoring area with minimum of 1 km radius;
- The observation of the monitoring area will be by dedicated and trained Marine Mammal Observers (MMOs) during daylight hours and suitable visibility;
- The deployment of Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) devices, if required, and if the equipment can be safely deployed and retrieved;
- A soft-start procedure using scare charges;
- The activation of Acoustic Deterrent Device (ADD); and
- The controlled explosions of the UXO will be undertaken by specialist contractors, using the minimum amount of explosive required in order to achieve safe disposal of the UXO.

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.		No.
		Dimensions		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Timber		No.		No.
		Dimensions		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/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 ≤ Silt < 0.063 mm)		Volume (m ³)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Sand (0.063 ≤ Sand < 2.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Gravel (2.00 ≤ Gravel < 64.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Cobbles (64.0 ≤ 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):

(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)
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 ($0.004 \leq$ Silt < 0.063 mm)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Sand ($0.063 \leq$ Sand < 2.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Gravel ($2.00 \leq$ Gravel < 64.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Cobbles ($64.0 \leq$ 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):		
Explosives	Fish scaring charges, Low Order deflagration and possible High Order detonation	Up to maximum of 1.8 kg per UXO disposal (total 54 kg assuming 30 no. UXO requiring disposal)

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.):

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

wet tonnes

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 by the project? YES NO

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

Noise Generating Activity	Sound Frequency (Hertz)
Use of Explosives	2 - 1,000 Hz with the main energy between 6 - 21 Hz
Use of Acoustic Deterrent Devices	between 10 and 20 kHz
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:

The Moray West UXO Clearance Environmental Report (8460005-DG0207-MWW-REP-000001) has been prepared in consideration of, and in reference to, Scotland's National Marine Plan.

The following policies are relevant to this Marine Licence application:

- GEN 7 Landscape/seascape: Marine planners and decision makers should ensure that development and use of the marine environment take seascape, landscape and visual impacts into account.
- GEN 9 Natural heritage: Development and use of the marine environment must:
 - o Comply with legal requirements for protected areas and protected species.
 - o Not result in significant impact on the national status of Priority Marine Features.
 - o Protect and, where appropriate, enhance the health of the marine area.
- GEN 13 Noise: Development and use in the marine environment should avoid significant adverse effects of man-made noise and vibration, especially on species sensitive to such effects.

GEN 7 considers the importance of landscape and seascape elements to people's enjoyment of the coastal and marine environment. The UXO clearance works form part of preparation works for the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm, which has undergone a robust Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) assessment to minimise any landscape/seascape impacts. The UXO clearance itself is all carried out underwater and will not alter any landscape or seascape views.

GEN 9 considers the natural heritage of the surrounding environment and ensure that it is protected. This environmental report ensures that the effects from the UXO clearance, are reduced and mitigated as much as possible, to ensure the integrity of the surrounding environment is protected.

GEN 13 states that the any man-made noise and vibration does not adversely affect those species sensitive to underwater noise. A risk assessment has been prepared and submitted alongside the EPS Licence application. In addition, a UXO specific Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol MMMP has been prepared and will be implemented during the UXO clearance activities.

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

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

12. Consultation

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

No consultation has been undertaken prior to the submission of the Marine Licence application to Marine Scotland.

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
for any other EIA regulator (e.g local authority)

YES NO
YES NO

14. Associated Works

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

The construction, operation and maintenance of the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm (licence number: MS-00009774) and associated Offshore Transmission Infrastructure (licence number: MS-00009813).