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Our Ref: MS-00009525/MS-00009528/MS-00009531/MS-00009535/MS-00009538/MS-00009556/MS-00009561

Date: 30 March 2022

Dear Mr Wallace,

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

BT (per OceanIQ) – Telecommunications Cable Installation – Orkney Marine Region

I refer to your application for a marine licence in respect of the above proposals.

I am pleased to inform you that the licensing authority has no objections to the issue of the requested marine licences, and I therefore enclose marine licence numbers MS-00009525/MS-00009528/MS-00009531/MS-00009535/MS-00009538/MS-00009556/MS-00009561. You are advised to carefully check the licence and schedule documents. If there are any errors please inform the licensing authority immediately.

Also find included associated EPS licences MS- 00009526/MS-00009529/MS-00009532/MS-00009536/MS-00009539/MS-00009558/MS-00009562 and Basking Shark licences MS - 00009527/MS-00009530/MS-00009533/MS-00009537/MS-00009540/MS-00009560/MS-00009563.

Your licence also includes a condition requiring a written report to be submitted to the licensing authority detailing all materials used in the construction works under authority of the licence. This report can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/02/marine-licensing-applications-and-guidance/documents/applications/fep5---construction-return-form/fep5---construction-return-form/govscot%3Adocument/FEP5%2B-%2Bconstruction%2Breturn%2Bform.docx>



May I also draw your attention to the licence conditions relating to amendment of the licence or schedule documents. If circumstances arise which necessitate changes or extension to your licence please 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.

Under the Marine Licensing Appeals (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/203), you are entitled to appeal if you are dissatisfied with any condition in the licence. An appeal may be lodged in any sheriff court in Scotland and must be lodged no later than 21 days after the date of this letter.

Disturbance to the shoreline and/or seabed should be minimised and the shore restored to as near its former condition following the works as reasonably possible. All waste materials should be removed and disposed of at a licensed onshore site. Any jack up barges / vessels utilised during the works/laying of the cable, when jacked up, should exhibit signals in accordance with the UK Standard Marking Schedule for Offshore Installations.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency have advised and emphasised the need for particular attention to be paid to cabling routes and burial depth for which a Burial Protection Index study should be completed and, subject to the traffic volumes, an anchor penetration study may be necessary. Consideration should also be given to the monitoring of offshore cables including cable protection during the operational lifetime of the authorised scheme which includes a risk based approach to the management of unburied or shallow buried cables

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

Yours sincerely,

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