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Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects

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http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Licensing/marine

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.

Marine licence applications will not be accepted unless accompanied by a cheque for the correct application fee, or if an invoice is requested, until that invoice is settled. Target timelines for determining applications do not begin until the application fee is paid.

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.

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 [redacted] Date 27/09/18

Name in BLOCK LETTERS [redacted] on behalf of Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc

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) ☑

1. Applicant Details

Title: [redacted] Initials: [redacted] Surname: [redacted]

Trading Title (if appropriate): Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc

Address: Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ

Name of contact (if different):

Telephone No. (inc. dialing code): [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

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:

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
MS BS 08 2018 0 MS EPS 20 2018 1	31/03/19 31/03/19

5. Project Details

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

Installation of a new 33kV (operating at 11kV) HVAC cable between Bute and Great Cumbrae.

The proposed cable is 5.8km in length and will be installed within a 650m wide working corridor.

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

3,689,250 m^2

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

15/01/2019

(d) Proposed completion date:

31/03/2019

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

£5.04 million

(f) Location:

Firth of Clyde - Please see attached charts.
Please also see Appendix 01 for full details of coordinates.

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

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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:

Clydeport

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

Following a review of pre-installation marine survey data, an optimum route for the cable utilizing the marine survey corridor has been identified. Following assessment of the existing and alternative cable landing points, the decision was made to relocate the replacement cable route further North due to the rocky coastline and difficulty burying the cable at both shore landfalls on Bute and Cumbrae. This also meant that there would be no cable crossing issues with the existing cable.
The proposed cable will be installed in a route corridor, +/- 325m of the proposed cable route. This will ensure the safe inspection and maintenance of the cable during the operation of the cable. The proposed cable route lies within this survey corridor with some micro-routeing selected to avoid areas of significant bedrock and boulders to maximise burial potential, and to avoid or minimise the impact on sensitive marine features identified from the marine surveys.
Marine features designated as Priority Marine Features (PMF), have been identified in the immediate vicinity of the proposed route. In the intertidal area at Kerrylamont Bay, Mussel beds have been identified, but were not recorded as the predominant biotope in any area. For further information refer to the Environmental Supporting Information. In the subtidal area Seapens and burrowing mud megafauna in circalittoral fine mud (A5.361) has been identified as a PMF. This biotope skirts the coast on the western part of the route and cannot feasibly be avoided in the cable routing. No marine cultural heritage statutory designations have been identified in the works area.
For cable laying activities, a CLV will be used to lay and bury (where technically feasible); with additional smaller support vessels used in the shallower shore locations. There will be a multicat acting as a dive support vessel (DSV) that will require a 2 x 1 tonne anchor, positioned in the nearshore area. A guard vessel is also likely to be used during the cable lay operations in order to ensure other vessels remain outside the area of operations to reduce collision risk. The cable installation method within the marine environment from each MLWS location will initially be a pre lay grapnel run (PLGR) before the cable is surface laid across the length of the route. The lay vessel will then reconfigure for cable burial using a Controlled Flow Excavation tool.
The proposed route has good burial potential on the majority of the route and a target depth of 0.8m should be achievable. Therefore, in areas where there is sediment suitable for burial along the route, post lay burial of the cable to a depth of cover of 0.8 m will be targeted. This is for cable protection and stability but also compliance with Scotland's National Marine Plan Cables Policy. The extent of burial may be reduced due to tolerances with the cable lay, engineering difficulties and differing levels of sediment onsite at the time of the burial operations.
On either shore above the MLWS limit, where sufficient cable burial cannot be achieved, split pipe will be fitted around the cable for additional protection in the event of exposure (Figure 9). On both Bute and Cumbrae intertidal areas and down to the 10m water depth we will install split pipe protection to the cable if burial can not be achieved. The split pipe is an articulated cast iron shell design that locks around the cable and is fixed with bolted end clamps. There are a number of suppliers with differing shell designs and weights. As a guide, each shell has an 8 mm wall thickness, with an effective length of 391 mm and combined weight in air of 39.96 kg/m. The outer diameter of the split pipe is 213mm.
The assessment of the seabed deposits/removals suggests:
- at the Bute shore end it may be necessary to protect the first 230m of the cable with split pipe
- at the Cumbrae shore end it may be necessary to protect the last 200m of the cable with split pipe.
- from kilometre point (KP) 0.326 for 40m it is expected that the boulders may have to be moved to allow the cable to be laid and then buried. Boulders would only be moved a maximum of 20m from the route centre line to facilitate installation.
- although preliminary investigations concluded a low risk of UXO, if any are encountered within the corridor, a magnetic gradiometer array survey would be conducted and if any are found, would be removed by a specialist.

(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 EIA is not required for submarine electricity cables. However, assessment of potential impacts and proposed mitigation are detailed in the Environmental Supporting Information document provided with this application.

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):

	Deposits		**Removals**	
Type of Deposit/Removal	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)
Steel/Iron	Cast iron shells, split pipe	430m No. Dimensions 213mm outer diameter, 8mm wall thickness 17.2T Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	No. Dimensions Weight (kg/tonnes)
Timber	N/A	No. Dimensions Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	No. Dimensions Weight (kg/tonnes)
Concrete	N/A	No. Dimensions Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	No. Dimensions Weight (kg/tonnes)
Plastic/Synthetic	N/A	m^2	N/A	m^2
Clay (< 0.004 mm)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)
Silt (0.004 ≤ Silt < 0.063 mm)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)
Sand (0.063 ≤ Sand < 2.0 mm)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)
Gravel (2.00 ≤ Gravel < 64.0 mm)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)
Cobbles (64.0 ≤ Cobbles < 256.0 mm)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)
Boulders (≥ 256.0 mm)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)	N/A	Volume (m^3) Weight (kg/tonnes)

Pipe	N/A	Length (m) External Diameter (cm/m)	N/A	Length (m) External Diameter (cm/m)
Other (please describe below):				
Cable		5.8km x 107mm dia.	N/A	

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

Please see method statement text in Section 5(h) above and Section 1 of Environmental Supporting Information.

(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):

N/A tonnes

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

N/A

Source (if sea dredged state location of origin)

N/A

Particle size:

N/A

Have the substance(s) or object(s) been chemically analysed? **YES** ☐ **NO** ■
If YES, please include the analysis data with your application

(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 ≤ Silt < 0.063 mm)		Volume (m^3)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Sand (0.063 ≤ Sand < 2.0 mm)		Volume (m^3)
		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.):

N/A

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

N/A 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	N/A
Use of Accoustic Deterrent Devices	N/A
Piling	N/A
Other (please describe below):	
(Survey): USBL	(10Hz to 10kHz): 2 kHz – 30 kHz.
Sub bottom profiling, other activity is out with the range. See JNCC 1261	4 kHz to 24 kHz.

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:

Details of relevant policies from Scotland's National Marine Plan (and Clyde Marine Spatial Plan) and consideration of these have been given as summaries in Section 2.1 of Environmental Supporting Information.

The Scottish Government adopted the National Marine Plan (NMP) in early 2015 (Scottish Government, 2015) to provide an overarching framework for marine activity in Scottish waters, with an aim to enable sustainable development and the use of the marine area in a way that protects and enhances the marine environment whilst promoting both existing and emerging industries. This is underpinned by a core set of general policies which apply across existing and future development and use of the marine environment. For this Project, the policies covering sea fisheries and submarine electricity cables are of particular relevance.

This project will facilitate existing and emerging industries, by providing a secure electricity supply to those industries.
In accordance with GEN 7, the cable lay methodology, takes seascape, landscape and visual impacts into account. After a short duration of installation, (minimising noisy activity to a few days at a time, in line with GEN 13) this project will protect and enhance the marine environment by burying the cable under existing sediment, allowing existing ecosystems to reestablish, reducing visual impact and risk to other marine users.

The capacity for the cable to operate at 33kV future proofs the cable use, allowing an upgrade without further installation activity, promoting future sustainable development, providing economic benefit to Scottish communities in line with the marine plan.

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

N/A

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
Pre-application events took the form of public drop in sessions. A full list of PAC events and their contents are detailed in the PAC Report supplied with this application.	23 -24 May 2018

12. Consultation

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

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB), Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Crown Estate, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, RSPB. This included in Appendix N of the Pre-application Consultation Report.

Other bodies as well as legitimate sea users were also consulted as part of the Pre-application consultation process. Further details provided in table 3 of the Pre-application Consultation Report.

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) YES ☐ NO ■

14. Associated Works

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

MS BS 08 2018 0
MS EPS 20 2018 1
JNCC reference:1261
Crown Estate Seabed Survey Licence: BU-8-9