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# MeyGen Tidal Energy Project Phase 1 Construction Method Statement: HDD Marine Works



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Construction Method Statement (CMS) has been prepared by MeyGen Ltd. to set out the proposed method for discharging the Condition 9 of the Section 36 Consent for the Development.

The document details the construction methods proposed for the Development, how construction related mitigation detailed in the Environmental Management Plan is to be delivered, the construction procedures and good working practices for installing the Development, how this document integrates with the wider environmental management of the Development, and how communication will be maintained between the Principal Contractor and MeyGen Ltd. on this Development.

The CMS presented within this document is to satisfy Condition 9 and enable construction of the Development to progress, subject to the CMS being implemented.

The CMS will be submitted to the licensing authority and consulted on by SNH, SEPA, MCA, the Planning Authority, NLB, and any such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers, and will be used, where appropriate, to inform the discharge of other Conditions within the Section 36 Consent which refer to it.

THIS DOCUMENT ONLY CONSIDERS HDD MARINE WORKS. FURTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKS WILL BE DOCUMENTED IN SEPARATE CMS SUBMITTED FOR CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO THAT PHASE COMMENCING.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The MeyGen Tidal Energy Project Phase 1 ("the Development") received consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 from the Scottish Ministers on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 ("the S.36 Consent"). This Construction Method Statement (CMS) is prepared to enable Condition 9 of the S.36 Consent ("the Condition") to be discharged. Condition 9 states:

The Company must, prior to the Commencement of the Development, submit to the Scottish Ministers a Construction Method Statement ("CMS"), in writing, endorsed by the Ecological Clerk of Works, as referred to in Condition 10 of this consent, to the Scottish Ministers for their approval, following consultation with SNH, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Planning Authority, Northern Lighthouse Board, and any such other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers, construction of the Development must proceed in accordance with the approved CMS. The CMS must include, but is not limited to, the following information:

a) Commencement dates;

- b) Working methods including the scope, frequency and hours of operations;
- c) Duration and Phasing Information of key elements of construction, for example– turbine structures, foundations, turbine locations, inter-array cabling and land fall cabling;
- d) Details of the location of the turbines, grid export cable(s), method of installation (including techniques and equipment) and depth of cable laying and cable landing sites;
- e) Details of mitigation measures to prevent adverse impacts to species and habitats during construction;
- f) Details of how all contractors and sub-contractors will be made aware of environmental sensitivities, what requirements they are expected to adhere to and how chains of command will work;
- g) Confirmation of reporting mechanisms used to provide Scottish Ministers and relevant consultees with regular updates on construction activity, including any environmental issues encountered and how these have been addressed;
- h) Vessel specification, routing, including location of vessel ports; and
- *i)* Pollution prevention measures including contingency plans.

The CMS must, so far as is reasonably practicable, be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan, the Project Environmental Monitoring Programme, the Vessel Management Plan and the Navigational Safety Plan.

**Reason:** To ensure the appropriate construction management of the Development, taking into account mitigation measures to protect the environment and other users of the marine area.

This document sets out the proposed CMS that MeyGen Ltd, intends to undertake, to allow the Condition to be discharged.

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# 2 SCOPE OF CONSTRUCTION METHOD STATEMENT

Phase 1a of the Development is a 6MW, 4 tidal turbines initial phase to be installed and operatives under the restriction placed on the Development by Condition 2 of the S.36 Consent.

This document is the CMS for the marine works associated with the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Works for Phase 1a **only** ("**HDD Marine Works**").

Given the Phase 1a programme for construction works associated with Phase 1a it has been agreed with the licensing authority that the CMS and other related consent documents for the installation of the Phase 1a infrastructure (4 x Tidal Turbine Generators (TTG), 4 x Gravity-base Turbine Support Structures (TSS) and Turbine Subsea Cables (TSC) can be submitted at a later date "**the Construction Works**". MeyGen Ltd. will produce and update relevant documents for these construction works; these will be submitted and get approval prior to commencement of these works.

The CMS forms part of a suite of documents related to the consent conditions that MeyGen Ltd. seek to discharge:

- Environmental Management Plan (EMP) (S.36 Consent, Condition 11) including Marine Pollution Contingency Plan (Marine Licence, Condition 3.2.13), Reporting Protocol for the Discovery of Marine Archaeology (S.36 Consent, Condition 16);
- Vessel Management Plan (VMP) (S.36 Consent, Condition 14); and
- Navigation Safety Plan (NSP) (S.36 Consent, Condition 17).

The CMS is in accordance with the construction methods assessed in the Environmental Statement (ES) and Supplementary Environmental Information Statement (SEIS) and includes details of how the construction related mitigation steps documented in the EMP are to be delivered. The EMP commits MeyGen Ltd. to safeguarding the environment through the identification, avoidance and mitigation of the potential negative environmental impacts associated with the development, construction and operation of the tidal array. The CMP will be an integral element of the EMP.

The CMS contains the following sections:

- Roles and Responsibilities;
- Programme;
- Construction Methods and Procedures (including mitigation);
- Emergency Preparedness and Response;
- Licences and Legal Requirements;
- Linkages with Other Conditions;
- Linkages with Other Strategies and SHE Management Systems;

- CMS Review and Consultation; and
- Technical Appendices Containing Detailed Construction Methodologies.

# 3 COMMUNICATION, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This section details the project team roles, responsibilities and lines of communication during the construction and operation of the Development.

#### 3.1 Responsibilities and Ownership

The Principal Contractor (PC) will have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the implementation of the CMS.

The Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) will provide quality assurance and approval of any version of the CMS.

Any updates to the CMS by the PC will require the ECoW to check compliance with current legislation, consent conditions and related documents. Updated CMS will then be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval.

#### 3.2 Organisation Chart and Reporting

The organisational chart for the HDD Marine Works is below in . This includes how communication as part of the CMS will be conducted in normal working procedures and in the case of emergencies.

The organisation chart presents the key interfaces, lines of communication and responsibilities with regards to the flow of requirements and provision of mitigating actions across the HDD Marine Works.

Details are provided in the Table 1 below for contacts relevant to the delivery of this plan. These details may change and the CMS will be updated when necessary.

Name	Role	Organisation	Telephone	Mobile
lan Sargent	Project Manager	James Fisher Marine Services	01565 658812	
Stan Groundwater	Marine Coordinator	James Fisher Marine Services	01565658824	
Tony Blackshaw	HSE Advisor	James Fisher Marine Services	01565 658817	
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Fraser Johnson	Marine Package Manager	MeyGen Ltd	+441316599672	

Table 1 Contact Details



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# 3.3 MeyGen - Ecological Clerk of Works

- Review and approve all consent related documents (S36 Condition 10).
- Review / comment on content of Site Inductions and Toolbox Talks.
- Review / comment on Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) as and where necessary with respect to environmental impacts and controls.
- Inspect the site / vessel on a regular basis to ensure effective implementation/operation of all environmental mitigation measures.
- Audit PC procedures, inspections, investigation and reporting.
- Ensure compliance with approve consent related documents, environmental legislation and requirements and address any shortfalls with the PC (S36 Condition 10).
- Review environmental incidents / near misses and PC investigations
- Report compliance and incidents to the licensing authority and other necessary regulatory authorities.
- Notify the licensing authority of vessel details (ML Condition 3.1.3)
- Notify the licensing authority of the commencement date (ML Condition 3.2.1.4)
- Provide Transport Audit Sheets for works to the licensing authority (ML Condition 3.2.2.1)
- Notify the licensing authority of deposits by MHWS (ML Condition 3.2.2.2)
- Ensuring any protected species licenses are in place for the Development (S36 Condition 10)

# 3.4 Principal Contractor – James Fisher Marine Services

# 3.4.1 Project Manager

- Facilitate dissemination of specific environmental requirements to the project team.
- Oversee the implementation and review of environmental procedures throughout the project.
- Review and approve all consent related documents, including, but exhaustive, CMS, VMP and NSP.
- Monitor the environmental performance of the project through maintaining an overview of incidents, inspections and audits.
- Ensure that environmental considerations form an integral part of Design and Implementation of the Works and to include environmental reviews as part of regular project meetings.
- Review and approve Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) as and where necessary with respect to environmental impacts and mitigation.
- Ensure that all environmental incidents are reported to the ECoW and MeyGen in

accordance detailed reporting requirements and the respective regulatory bodies (where required) as soon as possible.

- Review environmental matters with the ECoW and MeyGen and respective regulatory bodies on a regular basis and as per project requirements.
- Ensure that arrangements for liaison with Project respective regulatory bodies on all environmental issues is appropriate and maintained.
- Implement and maintain a project communications strategy to manage project public relations and complaints.
- Produce weekly and monthly reports and submit to MeyGen Package Manager and ECoW.
- Ensure contractors are approved, operates a Safety Management System, confirm that they are suitably qualified in their line of work and have undertaken suitable environmental training to cover tasks to be undertaken.

# 3.4.2 HSE Advisor

Key roles and responsibilities of the HSE Advisor include, but are not limited to the following:

- Verify compliance with relevant legislation.
- Prepare, implement, review and update consent related documents (in conjunction with the Project Management Team) in accordance with consent condition, James Fisher Marine Services procedures and current legislation.
- Advise the project team on environmental related decision making
- Review Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) as and where necessary with respect to environmental impacts and mitigation.
- Approve Toolbox Talks and Site / Vessel Inductions and ensure content promotes effective environmental management, specific works and Site / Vessel sensitivities and communicate associated lessons learnt.
- Provide support to the Marine Coordinator and workforce on any environmental matters that may arise.
- Audit contractors to confirm that they are suitably qualified in their line of work and have undertaken suitable environmental training to cover tasks to be undertaken.
- Ensure suitable consideration is given to the period and frequency of environmental monitoring (particularly with respect to higher risk areas).
- Inspect and audit the site / vessels on a regular basis to ensure effective implementation / operation of any environmental mitigation measures.
- Ensure compliance with environmental requirements and address any shortfalls.
- Provide inspection reports to the project management detailing any issues that must be addressed

- Undertake investigations into environmental incidents or near misses to determine the root/direct cause and present the findings, recommendations and lessons learnt.
- Monitor hazardous observations and incidents trends in relation to environmental aspects and impacts and initiate actions as required to minimise the potential environmental impacts and reduce risk in a timely and effective manner.

# 3.4.3 Marine Coordinator

- Responsible for all construction operations Marine Coordination including vessel / site HSE during construction operations.
- Ensure that all contractors have received and understood the Site / Vessel induction.
- Undertake Toolbox Talks to promote effective environmental management and communicate associated lessons learnt.
- Monitor and disseminate weather information and forecasts
- Production of marine safety alerts including issuing Notice to Mariners to agreed stakeholder list.
- Responsible for collating, communicating and responding to statutory navigation notices.
- Liaise with port authorities.
- Implement / operate environmental mitigation measures as approved in the consent related documents at the site / vessel.
- Coordinating, ensuring compliance for and recording all vessel movements and personnel movements offshore.
- Emergency response coordination.
- Produce daily reports and submit to the PC Project Manager, MeyGen Package Manager and ECoW.
- Keep Transport Audit Sheets for all materials listed in the licence to be deposited as part of the works
- Keep audit reports stating the nature and quantity of all substances and objects deposited below MHWS under the authority of the licence.

# 3.5 Contractors

- 3.5.1 Vessel Master
  - Overriding authority and responsibility to make decisions with respect to safe navigation of the vessel and matters related to HSE.
  - Dedicated watch-keeper on board the vessel, or nominate suitable qualified deputy.
  - The persons present on board must adhere to the Vessel Master's instructions.
  - Adhere to IMO International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and

UK Merchant Shipping legislation including ensuring appropriately trained and qualified crew and personnel on board.

• Ensure that all contractors have received and understood the vessel induction.

# 3.5.2 All Other Staff

- To understand and implement procedures relevant to their role as laid out.
- To conduct their work with a view to eliminating/reducing the environmental impact of the Project and to raise any environmental concerns with Marine Coordinator or Project Manager.
- To report all environmental incidents to the Marine Coordinator and Vessel Master as soon as possible.

# 3.6 Communication

Environmental issues will be formally communicated through the arrangements on Site / Vessel in Table 2.

Meeting/briefing	Frequency	Attendees
Safety, Health, Environment,	Weekly	See paragraph below
Security and Quality (SHESQ)		
and Progress Meeting		
Daily site team briefs	Daily	All work parties
Risk Assessment/Method	Each job task	All members of the working
Statement briefings		party
Toolbox Talks including	Before mobilisation, or a	All Site / Vessel personnel
environmental practices and	minimum of one	
mitigation measures	per week	
Site / Vessel Induction	On first attendance at	All persons attending Site /
	site <u>BEFORE</u> any work	Vessel
	is undertaken	

# Table 2 Communication and Meetings

#### 3.6.1 SHESQ and Progress Meeting

The PC shall convene weekly Site / Vessel meetings with all contractors on Site / Vessel to communicate, discuss and consult any change in conditions, working practices and environmental arrangements, procedures and overall environmental performance.

The ECoW and representatives from MeyGen and other interested Third Parties shall have an open invitation to attend these weekly Site / Vessel meetings. Each contractor on Site / Vessel shall nominate a person to attend these meetings with the appropriate authority to act on those contractors behalf. SHESQ and Progress Meetings shall be augmented by additional meetings at intervals dictated by the requirements of the contract or at key stages of the works.

Minutes of all such meetings shall be produced and held on file for record purposes, with copies supplied to each contractor on Site / Vessel, the CDM Co-ordinator and ECoW.

# 3.6.2 Extraordinary meetings

Extraordinary meetings would be held in order to deal with special environmental issues that may arise during the project such as environmental incidents. These meetings shall be organised by the HSE Advisor with the aim of ensuring a timely response and resolution to any identified issues.

#### 3.6.3 Daily site team meetings

Daily site team meetings will take place at the Onshore / Offshore site between the PC and contractors. Any environmental concern shall be addressed at this meeting.

# 3.6.4 Risk Assessment / Method Statement briefings

These briefings will take place before each construction task and attended by all directly involved in the task. Environmental requirements and mitigation measures will be instructed and reviewed.

#### 3.6.5 Site / Vessel inductions

Inductions, conducted before anyone commences work on the project are utilised to raise awareness for personnel regarding Site / Vessel rules, emergency response procedures and environmental protection arrangements. The inductions include a test to confirm understanding.

#### 3.6.6 Site / Vessel notice boards

Site / Vessel notice boards will contain relevant Site / Vessel information relating to Health, Safety and Environmental issues. The Site / Vessel will also have appropriate signage in place to highlight awareness of environmental hazards. Other communications media, such as newsletters and posters will also be posted on notice boards to communicate awareness of environmental matters.

# 3.7 Reporting

The PC will communicate the following to the ECoW and contractors on Site / Vessel:

- Details of audits and inspections;
- Details and statistics for environmental incidents and near misses;
- Details of any pending and actual enforcement action in respect of any environmental incidents;
- Any other pertinent environmental issues identified;
- Transport Audit Sheets; and
- Audit reports for the nature and quantity of all substances and objects deposited below MHWS.

The PC will provide these in:

- Daily logs and reports when construction activities are taking place on site / vessels;
- Weekly progress reports
- Monthly reports (additionally, confirming the status of the project, implementation of environmental commitments and mitigation measures, monthly and cumulative statistics, training delivered, environmental initiatives undertaken, amendments to the any of the consents related documents)

#### 3.7.1 External Communication

The Marine Coordinator is responsible for:

- Documenting, issuing, communicating and responding to statutory navigation notices for the Development; and
- Emergency Response Co-operation Procedures are in place for such events. The communication and reporting protocols for such an event can be found in the Emergency Response Co-operation Plan (NSP).

The ECoW is responsible for:

- Notification to the licensing authority detailed in the consent condition;
- Reporting monthly to the licensing authority once works have commenced with:
  - Details of audits and inspections;
  - o Details and statistics for environmental incidents and near misses;
  - Details of any pending and actual enforcement action in respect of any environmental incidents;
  - Any other pertinent environmental issues identified;
  - o Transport Audit Sheets; and
  - Audit reports for the nature and quantity of all substances and objects deposited below MHWS.
- Meeting with the licensing authority and statutory agencies and the local community; and
- Receiving, documenting and responding to any environmental communication from third parties.

# 3.8 Training

The purpose of environmental training is to ensure that all site personnel have the knowledge to successfully implement the environmental requirements of the project.

In order to ensure that the environmental mitigation measures are implemented on site, the following environmental training Table 3 in will be required.

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Any person working on the site/vessel will be competent and trained sufficiently to undertake their work in a safe and efficient manner. Each Contractor will ensure that their personnel maintain the necessary level of competence for their work & will maintain the training records on site & make them available for review and audit.

Training	Target Persons
Induction (which will include environmental	All persons attending Site / Vessel (Site /
aspects such as environmental sensitivities	Vessel personnel, contractors on Site /
and controls, pollution prevention, waste	Vessel, and visitors)
management, emergency preparedness and	
response and include shipboard operations	
under STCW requirements)	
Environmental Toolbox Talks	Toolbox talks will be carried out at a
	minimum of one per week appropriate to the
	construction works being carried out on Site /
	Vessel at that time.
	All persons carrying out work on site (site
	personnel, contractors on site) shall attend.
Environmental Bulletins / Legislation	All persons carrying out work on Site /
Briefings / Best Practice Briefings	Vessel (Site / Vessel personnel, contractors
	on Site / Vessel) shall attend.
Job specific training e.g.	As identified for personnel with
IOSH Working with Environmental	environmental responsibilities
Responsibilities / IOSH Managing	
Environmental Responsibilities.	
Use of Pollution Prevention Equipment.	
Site Waste Management.	
Project specific information, including	Briefed out and available for reference to all
relevant elements of:	Site / Vessel staff.
<ul> <li>the EMP, CMS, NSP, VMP</li> </ul>	
Consent Conditions	

# Table 3 Training

Any person working on the Site / Vessel will be competent and trained sufficiently to undertake their work in a safe and efficient manner. Each Contractor will ensure that their personnel maintain the necessary level of competence for their work & will maintain the training records on site & make them available for review and audit. Records of training will be maintained and made available for inspection.

# 4 PROGRAMME

The high level programme for the HDD Marine Works in shown in Figure 2. The Programme is subject to change and will be regularly updated during the course of the Development.



Figure 2 HDD Marine Works Programme

# 5 CONSTRUCTION METHODS AND PROCEDURES

# 5.1 HDD Works

4 x HDD Bores are to be drilled from the onshore Ness of Quoys Power Conversion Centre to target exit locations on the seabed (Figure 3). The HDD bores are drilled using at 16' (406mm) drill bit. As the drilling is undertaken, the exact location of the drill head is monitored as it proceeds along its path and provide real-time information as to its location and depth. This will be achieved using a Real-Time Constant Rate Gyroscope based guidance system which is impervious to magnetic interference.

During the drilling process, drilling fluid (bentonite mud) is pumped down the inside of the drill string where it cools the guidance system and drilling motor. The drilling fluid then flows out of the drill bit via nozzles and flushes drilled cuttings back to surface as it flows up the annulus. The drilling fluid also lubricates and supports the borehole. Before the drill is punched out onto the seabed the drill string will be pulled from the bore and re-run performing a 'wiper trip' to condition the drilling mud and remove cuttings from the bore. When the drill punches out onto the seabed drilling muds will immediately stop cycling; a small amount of bentonite and cuttings will be released into the marine environment (bentonite will flocculate on contact with salt water).

As described in the EMP (Marine Pollution Contingency Plan) a small amount of bentonite drilling mud and cuttings will be released into the marine environment. As stated in Marine Licence Condition 3.1.9 *any drill cuttings associated with the use of water-based drilling muds situated within the outer boundary of the works need not be removed from the seabed.* 



Figure 3 HDD Marine Works Location

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# 5.2 HDD Marine Works

Construction methods and procedures for the HDD Marine Works will be set out for (but shall not be limited to) the following:

- Identifying the exit point of the 4 x HDD bores on the seabed;
- Cut the 'bullnose' from the HDD liner;
- Connecting and disconnecting equipment to the drill string to clean and prove the HDD liner; and
- Fit a seal to the end of the HDD liner to prevent debris entering.

The following sequence outlines the HDD Marine Works process.

5.2.1 Pre-mobilisation

- No less than one month prior to commencement of works the ECoW will notify the licensing authority, in writing, the date of commencement and confirm this date no less than 24 hours before commencement (ML 3.2.1.4)
- The PC will confirm:

- 1. the vessel,
- 2. vessel master,
- 3. vessel IMO number, and
- 4. vessel owner and operator

to be used on the works to the ECoW, so that the ECoW can notify the licensing authority, in writing, no less than 72 hours prior to commencement of the works (ML 3.1.3)

- Notice to Mariners will be issued a minimum of 2 weeks prior to commencement of the works, an example is provided in Appendix A of the NSP.
- Weather forecasts will be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure the appropriate site conditions.

#### 5.2.2 Mobilisation

- All communications and meetings will be held as per Section 3.6.
- Inventories for all tools, materials and liquids will be completed before loading onto the vessel.
- Vessel environmental mitigation measures will be checked to ensure compliance with the EMP (RHK-1A-40-HSE-D-001-EnvironmentalManagementPlanHDD).
- Vessel will leave selected port and transit to site on the route described in the VMP (MEY-1A-40-HSE-003-D-VesselManagementPlanHDD)

# 5.2.3 Vessel and Moorings

The HDD Marine Works will utilise a single 26m Multi-cat vessel (see the VMP for vessel specification). The vessel will be anchored within a 4 point temporary mooring arrangement to ensure the vessel hold station during the subsea dive work.





Figure 4 HDD Marine Works Location

Details of the navigation safety measure are contained in the NSP (MEY-1A-40-HSE-002-D-NavigationSafetyPlanHDD).

# 5.2.4 HDD Bore 1 Dive 1

The dive is required to confirm the drilled exit location. A marker buoy is tied to the drilling assembly at the seabed on a tight line so that a GPS reading of the buoy on surface can be taken.

A helmet camera will be used to enable drilling personnel to identify any potential issues with 'rockfall' that may compromise cable duct installation operations.

This dive will be undertaken at the first available slack tide before drilling operations continue.

# 5.2.5 HDD Bore 1 Dive 2a, 2b and 2c

The HDD bore liner will be pushed through the HDD bore from onshore to offshore. Once the HDD bore liner has been installed a dive is required to perform the following tasks:

a) Cut off the cable duct bull nose. This involves sawing through a 315mm SDR-11 polyethylene pipe, using a pneumatic saw. The bull nose will be recovered to the vessel deck for safe disposal.

b) The drilling team will then pump a foam pig down the cable duct from the onshore site, trailing a draw rope. The divers will unclip the foam pig and attach a 267mm Brush, (5mm larger than ID), and a 230mm Mandrel, (10% less that ID), to the draw rope.

The drilling team will pull the brush and mandrel back through the cable duct on the draw rope, brushing and proving it. A second draw rope will be trailed into the duct behind the mandrel from the seabed.

c) The divers will then bolt a Viking Johnson Aquagrip connector to the cable duct stub to temporary seal off the end of the HDD bore liner and left in situ ready for the next phase of the installation

These dives shall be undertaken in accordance with the progamme (Figure 2), subject to the availability of a suitable period of calm weather, calm seas and good visibility.

5.2.6 Demobilisation from Bore 1

- The vessel will disconnect from the mooring spread, ensure that the moorings are correctly marked and lit (see NSP for further details),
- Check tools, materials and liquids are all on board and accounted for on inventories.
- Return to port via the route described in the VMP.
- At port, waste materials and liquids will be taken onshore and disposed of in accordance with the waste management plan. (James Fisher Marine Services Waste Management Plan included in the EMP)

#### 5.2.7 HDD Bores 2, 3, 4

For HDD Bores 2, 3, 4, the procedure will be repeated with the vessel mobilising to site, mooring and demobilising from the mooring spread that is left in-situ. On completion of HDD Marine Works for HDD Bore 4 the vessel will be demobilised and return to port.

The mooring spread will remain in position to aid the installation works of the Turbine Submarine Cable.

#### 5.2.8 Contingency Diving

Should the drilling operation create loose material at the seabed exit point that cannot be pushed away by the drilling assembly, divers may be required to assist in its removal. This will be undertaken in accordance with the Waste Management Plan (see EMP)

#### 5.3 Environmental Mitigation

The EMP describes the mitigation measures and methodologies to be used for the HDD Marine Works. These have been taken from the mitigation described in the ES and SEIS. These are summarised below.

# 5.3.1 Vessels

#### Navigation Safety

Navigation safety notices, warnings and demarcations will be conducted under the procedures of and to meet the requirements of the NSP.

#### Marine Mammals

Mitigation measures detailed for the protected of marine mammal species will be conducted under the procedures of and to meet the requirements of the EMP and VMP. These include:

- Training of all on site / on vessel personnel regarding the importance and sensitivity of marine mammals and their legislative protection;
- Provision of advice to staff detailing the types of activity potentially disturbing, and therefore to be avoided; and
- Maintenance of a daily marine mammal log by the Principal Contractor, into which any interaction will be noted. It is important to make clear that such a log is likely to record many approaches by marine mammals to the vessels and personnel undertaking HDD Marine Works. Marine mammals are intelligent and naturally curious about any in water construction works, regularly approaching vessels engaged in marine works.

#### Pollution Prevention

Mitigation measures detailed for the prevention of marine pollution from oil and chemical spills and objects overboard will be conducted under the procedures of and to meet the requirements of the Marine Pollution Contingency Plan in the EMP.

#### Invasive Non-Native Species Management

A short non-native management report will be provided by the Principal Contractor to Marine Scotland for each vessel arrival on site and used in HDD Marine Works, including the details listed in the management plan in the EMP.

# Waste Management

Waste management will be conducted under the procedures of and to meet the requirements of the Waste Management Plan in the EMP.

# 5.3.2 Moorings

#### Navigation Safety

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#### Archaeology

A reporting protocol for the discovery of marine archaeology has been produced to address the accidental discovery of marine cultural material during development, maintenance and monitoring. Full details and requirements of the Reporting Protocol for the Discovery of Marine Archaeology are in the EMP.

# 5.3.3 Dive Activity

#### Navigation Safety

Navigation safety notices, warnings and demarcations will be conducted under the procedures of and to meet the requirements of the NSP.

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- Provision of advice to staff detailing the types of activity potentially disturbing, and therefore to be avoided; and
- Maintenance of a daily marine mammal log by the Principal Contractor, into which any interaction will be noted. It is important to make clear that such a log is likely to record many approaches by marine mammals to the vessels and personnel undertaking HDD Marine Works. Marine mammals are intelligent and naturally

curious about any in water construction works, regularly approaching vessels engaged in marine works.

#### Pollution Prevention

Mitigation measures detailed for the prevention of marine pollution from oil and chemical spills and objects overboard will be conducted under the procedures of and to meet the requirements of the Marine Pollution Contingency Plan in the EMP.

#### Archaeology

A reporting protocol for the discovery of marine archaeology has been produced to address the accidental discovery of marine cultural material during development, maintenance and monitoring. Full details and requirements of the Reporting Protocol for the Discovery of Marine Archaeology are in the EMP.

#### 5.3.4 Alternatives

No alternative mitigation methods are required for the HDD Marine Works if contingency dives are required.

# 6 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Pollution prevention measures included in the EMP (Marine Pollution Contingency Plan) will be adhered to at all times on vessels and working at quayside.

Emergency Response Procedures are an intrinsic part of the Scope of Works relating specifically to the works being executed, the ERCoP is detailed in the NSP.

These procedures include:

- Man Overboard
- General MOB Procedure
- Fire & Explosion
- Personnel Injury or Medical Evacuation
- Serious Injury or Illness
- Medical Advice
- Request for medical assistance
- Evacuation of a sick or injured person from a vessel
- Adverse Weather Procedure
- Environmental Response Plan
- Clean up actions specific to hazardous materials
- Spill Notification
- Spill Documentation
- Immediate actions
- Clean-up actions
- Spill notification
- Spill Documentation
- Location and Content of a Spill Kit

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- Post incident reporting
- Training

# 7 LICENCES AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Licence / Consent	Legislation	Granted
Section 36 Consent	Electricity Act 1989	09/10/2013
Marine Licence (licence number 04577/14/0)	Marine (Scotland) Act 2010	31/01/2014
Decommissioning Programme	Energy Act 2005	xx

# **Table 4 Consent**

# 8 LINKAGES WITH OTHER STRATEGIES AND SHE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The NSP complies with the Principal Contractor's Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan (under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007) and their Health, Safety and Environment Manual.

# 9 CMS REVIEW AND CONSULTATION

Under Condition 9 of the Section 36 the CMS will be reviewed and commented on by the licensing authority and SNH, SEPA, MCA, NLB, the planning authority and any other such advisors that may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. The CMS must be approved by the licensing authority.

The CMS will be submitted to the licensing authority for distribution to the stakeholders and for approval.

Any changes the CMS deemed necessary (working methods or procedures) must be reviewed and approved by the ECoW before it is submitted for approval to the licensing authority (Figure 5).

Version control will be conducted by the revision review block on the front page of the CMS.



Figure 5 CMS Change Process

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# **10 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

Abbreviation	
CDM	Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007
CMS	Construction Method Statement
COSHH	Control of Substance Hazardous to Health
ECoW	Ecological Clerk of Works
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
ERCoP	Emergency Response Co-operation Plan
ERP	Emergency Response Procedures
EPS	European Protected Species
ES	Environmental Statement
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
IOSH	Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
NSP	Navigation Safety Plan
MCA	Maritime Coastguard Agency
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
ML	Marine Licence under the Marine (Sotland) Act 2010
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
ММО	Marine Mammal Observer
PC	Principal Contractor – James Fisher Marine Services

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PEMP	Project Environmental Monitoring Programme
RAMS	Risk Assessments and Method Statements
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SCIMS	Seal Corkscrew Injury Monitoring Scheme
SEIS	Supplementary Environmental Information Statement
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SHESQ	Safety, Health, Environment, Security and Quality
SNCA	Statutory Nature Conservation Agency
SNH	Scottish Natural Heritage
SPA	Special Protected Area
STCW	International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978
S36	Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989
TSC	Turbine Submarine Cable
TSS	Turbine Support Structure
TTG	Tidal Turbine Generator
VMP	Vessel Management Plan