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MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE FOR THE ACT OF DREDGING AND SEA DISPOSAL OF DREDGED SPOIL

Licence Number: 06832/19/0

Reference Number: 06832

The Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the licensing authority") hereby authorise:

Port of Cromarty Firth  
Port Office  
Shore Road  
Invergordon  
IV18 0HD

to deposit in the sea the substances or objects particulars of which are described in Part 1 of the attached Schedule. The licence is subject to the conditions of use set out, or referred to, in Part 2 of the said Schedule.

This licence shall be valid from 23 May 2019 until 22 May 2022.

Signed: Redacted  
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For and on behalf of the licensing authority

Date: 23 May 2019



Part 1 - Particulars

1. Name and address of the producer of the substances or objects:

The Producer of the substance or articles for deposit is also the Licence Holder.

2. Name and address of any other agent acting on behalf of licensee (if appropriate):

As per licensee

3. Name(s) and address(es) of sea disposal contractor(s), if different from Sections 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule:

As per Annex One

4. Name(s) of vessel(s) to be employed to undertake the disposal operations:

As per Annex One

5. Place of production of the substances or objects:

West Harbour, Cromarty Firth within the area bounded by joining the points

57° 41.143' N 004° 10.093' W  
57° 41.148' N 004° 10.035' W  
57° 41.167' N 004° 10.094' W  
57° 41.164' N 004° 10.054' W.

As shown in Annex One.

6. Description of the substances or objects:

CAPITAL DREDGINGS

As described in application dated 23 October 2018, and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

7. Quantity of materials for sea disposal within the period of validity of the licence:

3,334 tonnes of capital dredge materials may be deposited between 23 May 2019 and 22 May 2020

3,333 tonnes of capital dredge materials may be deposited between 23 May 2020 and 22 May 2021.

3,333 tonnes of capital dredge materials may be deposited between 23 May 2021 and 22 May 2022.

Part 2 - Conditions

1. The licensee must deposit the substances or objects described in Part 1 of the Schedule in the following disposal area(s):

1.1 Deposit Area Name and/or Code: SUTORS, CR019

Up to a maximum quantity of 10,000 wet tonnes may be deposited during the period of validity of this licence, within the area bounded by joining the points within the area bounded by joining the points:

57° 41.25' N 003° 59.80' W  
57° 41.25' N 003° 59.20' W  
57° 41.06' N 003° 59.20' W  
57° 41.06' N 003° 59.80' W.

2. "Force majeure" may apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, it is necessary to deposit the substances or objects at a location other than that specified above because the safety of human life, or a vessel or vehicle, is threatened. If substances or objects are deposited in an unauthorised area, full details of the circumstances must be immediately notified to the licensing authority (see also notes appended to the Schedule).
3. Only those substances or objects described in Part 1 of the Schedule shall be deposited under authority of the licence.
  - a) Any unauthorised materials associated with the substances or objects scheduled for disposal, including debris such as demolition waste, wood, scrap metal, tyres and synthetic materials, must be disposed of on land at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs.
  - b) All tank/hopper washings must be deposited in the authorised disposal area(s).
4. The method of disposal must be:

BOTTOM DUMPING
5. The licensee must ensure that a dedicated watch will be kept by a trained Marine Mammal Observer ("MMO") or someone else following the general guidance for and acting in the role of a MMO, a 30 minute watch must be undertaken prior to disposal commencing to ensure that no marine mammals are within 500 metres of the authorised disposal area.
6. The licensee must ensure that where the sea state is greater than 3, where the winds are greater than Force 3, or where a visual assessment is otherwise not possible, that Passive Acoustic Monitoring is deployed in place of an MMO.
7. If marine mammals are detected within 500 metres of the authorised disposal area then disposal operations must be ceased until the area has been clear for at least 20 minutes.
8. The licensee must ensure that a formal log is maintained, whether or not marine mammals are detected and the completed log will be returned to the licensing authority. The log must

contain the name of the observer, time of disposal, start and finish times of observation, observations of marine mammals and any action taken as a result.

9. To ensure consistent recording of marine mammal observations, the licensee must also ensure that the MMO's formal log (whether or not marine mammals have been sighted) are submitted to the following:

Offshore Industries Advisor  
Joint Nature Conservation Committee  
Inverdee House  
Baxter Steet  
Aberdeen  
AB11 9QA

10. The licensee must ensure that no dredging or spoil deposit activities take place during the month of May each year.
11. The licensee must co-ordinate disposal operations to ensure, as far as practicably possible, that they do not coincide with other disposal operations at the Sutors disposal site.
12. The licensee must ensure that a log of operations is maintained on each vessel employed to undertake the disposal operations. The log(s) must be kept on board the vessel(s) throughout the disposal operations, and be available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer. The log(s) must be retained for a period of six calendar months following expiry of the licence, and copies of the log(s) may be requested during that period for inspection by the licensing authority.

The log(s) must record in English the following information:

- a) the name of the vessel;
- b) the nature and quantity of each substance or object loaded for disposal;
- c) the date and time of departure from port, and the date and time of arrival at the disposal area(s), on each occasion that the vessel proceeds to the disposal area(s);
- d) the date, time and position of commencement, and the date, time and position of completion, of each disposal operation;
- e) the course(s) and speed(s) throughout each disposal operation. (Multiple changes may be recorded as "various");
- f) the weather, including wind strength and direction, sea-state and tidal set throughout each disposal operation;
- g) the rate of discharge during each disposal operation, if appropriate, and the duration of each disposal operation. (If the rate of discharge is not constant, the maximum and mean rates of discharge must be indicated);
- h) comments on the disposal operations, including any explanations for delays in the disposal operations;

- i) the signature of the Master at the foot of each page of the record.
13. The licensee must submit written reports, to the licensing authority stating the nature and total quantity, in wet tonnes, of all substances or objects disposed of under authority of the licence. The written reports must be submitted to the licensing authority annually and on the forms provided by the licensing authority.
  14. The licensee must provide the Master(s) of the vessel(s) employed to undertake the disposal operations with a copy of the licence. The licensee must also ensure that copies of the licence and all other relevant documents are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at:
    - a) the premises of the licensee;
    - b) the premises of the producer of the substances or objects for disposal, and the premises of any contractor responsible for the storage, transport or disposal of the substances or objects; and
    - c) on board the vessel(s) employed to undertake the disposal operations.
  15. The licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: [sdr@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:sdr@ukho.gov.uk); tel.: 01823 484444) of both progress and on completion of the works supply a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made.
  16. If it is desired to display any marks or lights not required by this licence then details must be submitted to the Northern Lighthouse Board and their ruling complied with. The display of unauthorised marks or lights is prohibited.
  17. The licensee must ensure that the works are maintained at all times in good repair.
  18. The licensee must ensure that no deviation from the schedule specified in the licence is made without the further written consent of the licensing authority.
  19. If in the opinion of the licensing authority the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required to deal with any emergency arising from:
    - a) The failure to mark and light the works as required by licence.
    - b) The maintenance of the works.
    - c) The drifting or wreck of the works.

The owner of the works must be liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.
  20. In the event of the licensed operations being discontinued the works must be removed and the site cleared to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.
  21. Any person authorised by the licensing authority must be permitted to inspect the works at any reasonable time.
  22. In the event of the licensee becoming aware that any of the information on which the issue of the licence was based has changed, the licensing authority must be immediately notified of

the details.

23. The licensee must notify the licensing authority in writing of any vessel not already listed in Annex One of this licence being used to carry out any licensed activity listed in Part 1 of this licence on behalf of the licensee. Such notification must be received by the licensing authority no less than 24 hours before the commencement of the licensed activity. Notification must include the vessel name, type, IMO number and country of registration as well as the name and address of any vessel operator or contractor.
24. The licensee must notify the licensing authority in writing of the name and address of any contractor not already listed in Annex One of this licence being used to carry out any licensed activity listed in Part 1 of this licence. Such notification must be received by the licensing authority no less than 24 hours before the commencement of the licensed activity.

## NOTES

1. You are deemed to have satisfied yourself that there are no barriers, legal or otherwise, to the carrying out of the licensed operations. The issue of the licence does not absolve the licensee from obtaining such authorisations, consents etc which may be required under any other legislation.
2. In the event that the licensee wishes any of the particulars set down in the Schedule to be altered, the licensing authority must be immediately notified of the alterations. It should be noted that changes can invalidate a licence, and that an application for a new licence may be necessary.
3. Under Section 30 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, the licensing authority may vary, suspend or revoke the licence, if it appears to the authority that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of the licence or for any other reason that appears to be relevant to the authority.
4. Under Section 39 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, it is an offence to carry on a licensable marine activity or cause or permit any other person to carry on such an activity without a marine licence or fails to comply with any condition of a marine licence. It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under Section 40 in relation to any activity to prove that the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purposes of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure (*'force majeure'*), and that the person took steps within a reasonable time to provide full details of the incident to the licensing authority. (Under Annex II, Article 7 of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-east Atlantic, the licensing authority is obliged to immediately report *'force majeure'* incidents to the Convention Commission).
5. All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:

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Marine Laboratory  
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Aberdeen  
AB11 9DB

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