

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE TO DEPOSIT ANY SUBSTANCE OR OBJECT IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA

Licence Number: **MS-00010889**

The Scottish Ministers (hereinafter referred to as "the Licensing Authority") hereby grant a marine licence authorising:

Hywind (Scotland) Ltd
One Kingdom Street
Paddington Central
London
W2 6BD

to deposit any substance or object as described in Part 2. The licence is subject to the conditions set out, or referred to, in Part 3.

The licence is valid from **11 September, 2024** until **31 July, 2025**

Signed:
Toni-Marie McGinn

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 10 September, 2024

1. PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Interpretation

In the licence, terms are Section 115 of the Marine and Coast Access Act 2009 unless otherwise stated, and,

- a) "**the 2009 Act**" means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009
- b) "**Licensed Activity**" means any activity or activities listed in section 66 of the 2009 Act which is, or are authorised under the licence;
- c) "**Licensee**" means Hywind (Scotland) Ltd
- d) "**Mean High Water Springs**" means any area submerged at mean high water spring tide;
- e) "**Commencement of the Licensed Activity**" means the date on which the first vehicle or vessel arrives on the site to begin carrying on any activities in connection with the Licensed Activity;
- f) "**Completion of the Licensed Activity**" means the date on which the licensed activity has been installed in full, or the Licensed Activity has been deemed complete by the Licensing Authority, whichever occurs first;

All geographical co-ordinates contained within the licence are in WGS84 format (latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to three decimal places) unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Contacts

All correspondence or communications relating to the licence should be addressed to:

Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team
Scottish Government
375 Victoria Road
Aberdeen
AB11 9DB
Email: MS.Marinelicensing@gov.scot

1.3 Other authorisations and consents

The Licensee is deemed to have satisfied itself that there are no barriers or restrictions, legal or otherwise, to the carrying on of the Licensed Activities in connection with the licensed activity. The issuing of the licence does not absolve the Licensee from obtaining such other authorisations and consents, which may be required under statute.

1.4 Variation, suspension, revocation and transfer

Under section 72(1) of the 2009 Act the Licensing Authority may by notice vary, suspend or revoke the licence, if it appears to the Licensing Authority that there has been a breach of any of its provisions or for any such other reason that appears to be relevant to the Licensing Authority under section 71(2) or (3) of the 2009 Act.

Under section 71(7) of the 2009 Act, on an application made by the Licensee, the Licensing Authority may transfer the licence from the Licensee to another person.

1.5 Breach of requirement for, or conditions of, licence

Under section 85 of the 2009 Act, it is an offence to carry on a licensable marine activity without a marine licence and it is also an offence to fail to comply with any condition of a marine licence.

1.6 Defences: actions taken in an emergency

Under section 86 of the 2009 Act, it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 85(1) of the 2009 Act in relation to any activity to prove that:

the activity was carried out for the purpose of saving life, or for the purpose of securing the safety of a vessel, aircraft or marine structure, and

that the person took steps within a reasonable time to inform the Licensing Authority of the matters set out in section 86(2) of the 2009 Act.

1.7 Offences relating to information

Under section 85 of the 2009 Act, it is an offence for a person to make a statement which is false or misleading in a material way, knowing the statement to be false or misleading or being reckless as to whether the statement is false or misleading, or to intentionally fail to disclose any material information for the purpose of procuring the issue, variation or transfer of a marine licence or for the purpose of complying with, or purporting to comply with, any obligation imposed by either Part 4 of the 2009 Act or the provisions of the licence.

1.8 Appeals

Under Regulation 3(1) of the Marine Licensing Appeals (Scotland) Regulations 2011 a person who has applied for a marine licence may by summary application appeal to against a decision taken by the Licensing Authority under section 71(1)(b) or (c) or (5) of the Act.

2. PART 2 – PARTICULARS

2.1 Agent

As per Licensee

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

Hywind Pilot Park Project site/ Array area, within the boundary the following points:

57° 29.023' N -1° 18.691' W
57° 27.603' N -1° 22.797' W
57° 28.417' N -1° 23.762' W
57° 28.454' N -1° 23.790' W
57° 28.481' N -1° 23.788' W
57° 28.555' N -1° 23.785' W
57° 28.596' N -1° 23.783' W
57° 28.605' N -1° 23.783' W
57° 28.635' N -1° 23.782' W
57° 28.638' N -1° 23.781' W
57° 28.643' N -1° 23.781' W
57° 28.684' N -1° 23.774' W
57° 28.690' N -1° 23.773' W
57° 28.753' N -1° 23.763' W
57° 28.757' N -1° 23.762' W
57° 28.842' N -1° 23.743' W
57° 28.915' N -1° 23.728' W
57° 28.956' N -1° 23.720' W
57° 28.965' N -1° 23.718' W
57° 29.050' N -1° 23.702' W
57° 29.123' N -1° 23.689' W
57° 29.164' N -1° 23.683' W
57° 29.173' N -1° 23.681' W
57° 29.258' N -1° 23.668' W
57° 29.331' N -1° 23.657' W
57° 29.381' N -1° 23.651' W
57° 29.466' N -1° 23.641' W
57° 29.540' N -1° 23.632' W
57° 29.581' N -1° 23.628' W
57° 29.590' N -1° 23.627' W

57° 29.675' N -1° 23.620' W
57° 29.749' N -1° 23.614' W
57° 29.790' N -1° 23.611' W
57° 29.799' N -1° 23.611' W
57° 29.884' N -1° 23.606' W
57° 29.957' N -1° 23.602' W
57° 29.966' N -1° 23.602' W
57° 29.989' N -1° 23.601' W
57° 29.989' N -1° 23.573' W
57° 29.373' N -1° 23.652' W
57° 30.302' N -1° 23.033' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Temporary deposit of rock bags, sand bags, Pipemat mattresses and MudMat mattresses to secure the disconnected and laid down inter-array cables whilst wind turbines generators are temporarily removed from site for maintenance.

As described in the application dated 25 July, 2024 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

2.4 Descriptions of the substances or objects to be deposited

The licence authorises the deposit of the undernoted substances and objects required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the maximum amounts as specified below:

9 x Pipemat mattresses
9 x MudMat mattresses
144 x rock bags
162 x sand bags

2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1 The Licensee must only deposit the objects listed in Part 2 of the licence in accordance with the licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority unless otherwise authorised by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.2 The Licensee must maintain the objects deposited under the licence in accordance with the licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.3 Only the objects listed in Part 2 of the licence may be used during the execution of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.4 All objects used during the execution of the Licensed Activity must be inert and must not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

3.1.5 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity does not encroach on any recognised anchorage, either charted or noted in nautical publications, within the licensed area as described in Part 2 of the Licence.

3.1.6 In the event of any breach of health and safety or environmental obligations relating to the Licensed Activity during the period of the licence, the Licensee must provide written notification of the nature and timing of the incident to the Licensing Authority within 24 hours of the incident occurring. Confirmation of remedial measures taken and/or to be taken to rectify the breach must be provided, in writing, to the Licensing Authority within a period of time to be agreed by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.7 The Licensee must notify The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) of Commencement of the Licensed Activity, at least 10 days before commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

3.1.8 The Licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, The Hydrographic Office, Admiralty Way, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 2DN (e-mail: sdr@ukho.gov.uk; tel.: 01823 484444) of the progress and upon completion of the Licensed Activity. Such notification must include a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made.

3.1.9 Details of any marks or lights not required by the licence must be submitted to the Northern Lighthouse Board and its ruling complied with. The display of unauthorised marks or lights is prohibited.

3.1.10 The Licensee must remove the objects from below the level of Mean High Water Springs, or make such alterations as advised by the Licensing Authority, within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority at any time it is considered necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, and not replaced without further approval by the Licensing Authority. The Licensee shall be liable for any expense incurred.

3.1.11 Where any damage, destruction or decay is caused to the objects, the Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Northern Lighthouse Board, Kingfisher Information Services of Seafish and the UK Hydrographic Officer, in writing, of such damage, destruction or decay as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 24 hour after becoming aware of any such damage, destruction or decay.

3.1.12 The Licensee must ensure the works or objects remain secured to the seabed at all sea state conditions expected at the location of the Licensed Activity. Regular inspection and maintenance of the works or objects must take place.

3.1.13 If governmental assistance is required (including UK governmental assistance or the assistance of any UK devolved government) to deal with any emergency arising from:

- a) the failure to mark and light the objects as required by the licence;
- b) the maintenance of the objects; or
- c) the drifting or wreck of the objects, to include the broadcast of navigational warnings

then the Licensee is liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.

3.1.14 In the event of the Licensed Activity being discontinued the objects deposited under the authority of the licence must be removed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority.

3.1.15 The Licensee must ensure that the deposited objects are maintained at all times in good repair.

3.1.16 The Licensee must ensure that all moorings and any vessels attached to the moorings are within the moorings area bounded by the coordinates in Part 2 of the licence at all times.

3.1.17 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is only carried out at the location of the Licensed Activity specified in Part 2 of the licence.

3.1.18 The Licensee must ensure that within 3 days following identification of a potential cable exposure, notification is made to local mariners, fishing organisations and regional fisheries contacts through a local notification and by informing Kingfisher Information Service of the location and extent of the exposure. Copies of all notices must be provided to the Licensing Authority, Marine Coastguard Agency, Northern Lighthouse Board, Kingfisher, Kingfisher Information Service Offshore and Renewable Cable Awareness project and the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office within 5 days.

3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1 The Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority in writing of the name and address of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor not already listed in Part 2 of the licence being used to carry out any Licensed Activity listed in Part 2 of the licence. Such notification must be received by the Licensing Authority no less than 24 hours before the Commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.2 The Licensee must issue local notification to marine users – including fisherman’s organisations, neighbouring port authorities and other local stakeholders – to ensure that they are made fully aware of the Licensed Activity at least 5 days prior to the commencement of the activity. The Licensing Authority must be sent a copy of the notification within 24 hours of issue.

3.2.3 The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard National Maritime Operations Centre, in this case zone3@hmcg.gov.uk and renewables@hmcg.gov.uk, are made aware of the Licensed Activity prior to commencement.

3.3 During the Licensed Activity

3.3.1 Only those persons acting on behalf of, and authorised by, the agent or the Licensee shall undertake the Licensed Activity.

3.3.2 The Licensee must ensure that any debris or waste materials arising during the course of the Licensed Activity are removed for disposal at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs.

3.3.3 The Licensee must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any authorised Enforcement Officer at:

- a) the premises of the Licensee;
- b) the premises of any agent acting on behalf of the Licensee; and
- c) the site of the Licensed Activity.

3.3.4 The Licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is given to each contractor and sub-contractor employed to undertake the Licensed Activity.

3.3.5 The Licensee must ensure the best method of practice is used to minimise re-suspension of sediment during the Licensed Activity.

3.3.6 The Licensee must ensure appropriate steps are taken to minimise damage to the seabed by the Licensed Activity.

3.3.7 Any person authorised by the Licensing Authority must be permitted to inspect the site at any reasonable time.

3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1 If a new licence is required, the Licensee must make an application at least fourteen weeks before the expiry date of the licence. This licence shall not continue in force after the expiry date of 1 October 2024.

3.4.2 The Licensee must submit a written report regarding the deposit of the licensed objects to the Licensing Authority. The written report must be submitted on the forms provided by the Licensing Authority no later than 31 July 2025.

3.4.3 The Licensee must ensure the seabed is returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the Completion 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 activity. 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.