

MARINE SCOTLAND ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT, ALTER OR IMPROVE WORKS IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA

Licence Number: **MS-00008856**

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

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc
Inveralmond House, 200 Dunkeld Street
Perth
Perthshire
PH1 3AQ

to construct, alter or improve works 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 **20 March, 2021** until **19 March, 2022**

Signed:

Ellie Noble

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue 19 March, 2021

1. PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Interpretation

In the licence, terms are as defined in Section 1, 64 and 157 of the Marine Scotland Act 2010, and

- a) "**the 2010 Act**" means the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
- b) "**Licensed Activity**" means any activity or activities listed in section 21 of the 2010 Act which is, or are authorised under the licence;
- c) "**Licensee**" means Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc
- 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 Scotland
Licensing Operations Team
Marine Laboratory
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 30 (1) of the 2010 Act the Licensing Authority may by notice vary, suspend or revoke the licence granted by them if it appears to the Licensing Authority that there has been a breach of any of its provisions. For any such other reason that appears to be relevant to the Licensing Authority under section 30(2) or (3) of the 2010 Act. Under the 2010 Act variations, suspensions, revocations and transfers of licences are subject to the procedures set out in section 31 of the Act.

Under section 30 (7) of the 2010 Act, on an application made by a licensee, the Licensing Authority may vary a licence if satisfied that the variation being applied for is not material.

Under section 30 (8) of the 2010 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 39 of the 2010 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 40 of the 2010 Act it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 39(1) of the 2010 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 ('force majeure'), and

that the person took steps within a reasonable time to inform the Licensing Authority as set out in section 40(2) of the 2010 Act.

1.7 Offences relating to information

Under section 42 of the 2010 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 2010 Act or the provisions of this 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

Briggs Marine Contractors
Seaforth House, Seaforth Place, Burntisland
Fife

KY3 9AX

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

OUTER HEBRIDES, within the boundaries of

Benbecula to South Uist cable:

57° 24.517' N 07° 19.899' W

57° 24.423' N 07° 19.600' W

57° 24.083' N 07° 20.078' W

57° 24.972' N 07° 19.773' W

Eriskay to Barra cable:

57° 04.671' N 07° 18.487' W

57° 04.417' N 07° 18.300' W

57° 04.676' N 07° 18.793' W

57° 04.401' N 07° 18.726' W

Benbecula to North Uist cable:

57° 29.451' N 07° 17.369' W

57° 29.208' N 07° 16.434' W

57° 29.143' N 07° 17.992' W

57° 29.014' N 07° 17.201' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Maintenance of Benbecula to North Uist Cable including deposit of cable protection.

Maintenance of Benbecula to South Uist West Cable including reburial.

Partial removal of the Eriskay to Barra decommissioned cable and deposit of rock protection.

As described in application dated 16 June, 2020 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

2.4 Descriptions of the materials to be used during Licensed Activity

This licence authorises the use of the undernoted construction materials required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the indicative amounts as specified below:

Eriskay to Barra Cable:

Steel/Iron - 360 Iron Half shells - 2391 kg

Cobbles - Ten 2 ton rock bags - 20 tonnes

North Uist to Benbecula Cable

Steel/Iron - 420 iron half shells - 2789 kg

Removal

Eriskay to Barra decommissioned cable: Single Wired Armour subsea electricity cable - 60 metres

North Uist to Benbecula East cable - Rock bag - 2 ton

2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1 The Licensee must at all times construct and maintain the Licensed Activity in accordance with the licence, the application and the plans and programmes approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.2 All conditions attached to the licence bind any person who for the time being owns, occupies or enjoys any use of the works, whether or not the licence has been transferred to that person.

3.1.3 The Licensee must ensure that only the materials, substances or objects listed in Part 2 of the licence are used during the execution of the Licensed Activity and that all materials, substances or objects used during the execution of the Licensed Activity are inert and do not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

3.1.4 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.

3.1.5 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.

3.1.6 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 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.

3.1.7 If it is desired to display any marks or lights not required by the licence then details must be submitted to the Northern Lighthouse Board and its ruling complied with. The display of unauthorised marks or lights is prohibited.

3.1.8 The Licensee must remove the materials, substances or 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.

3.1.9 Should the construction of the Licensed Activity be halted before the Completion, the Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority and, within a timescale agreed by the Licensing Authority, submit a decommissioning plan to the Licensing Authority.

3.1.10 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 works/deposited objects as required by this licence;
- b) the maintenance of the works/deposited object or
- c) the drifting or wreck of the works/deposited object,

to include the broadcast of navigational warnings, then the Licensee is liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.

3.1.11 The Licensee must adhere to the Fishing Liaison Mitigation Action Management Plan ("FLMAP") (APPENDIX E – FLMAP REGIONAL OUTER HEBRIDES 2020), Revision 1.0 submitted to the Licensing Authority on 16 June 2020.

3.1.12 The Licensee must adhere to the General Environmental Management Plan ("GEMP") (APPENDIX B – CB0192 - 1004 – GEMP), Revision 1.0 submitted to the Licensing Authority on 16 June 2020.

3.3.13 The licensee must ensure that all works must proceed in accordance with the Construction Environmental Management Plan ("CEMP") (APPENDIX A – CB0192 – 1002 - CEMP). Any updates or amendments made to the CEMP must be submitted, in writing, to the Licensing Authority for its written approval no later than one month or at such a time as agreed with the Licensing Authority, prior to the planned implementation of the proposed amendments.

3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1 The Licensee must provide the name and function of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor appointed to undertake the Licensed Activities, who are not detailed on the licence, as soon as is reasonably practicable Prior to Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.2 The Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority in writing of the name and address of any 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.

3.2.3 The Licensee must, prior to and no less than seven calendar days before the Commencement of the Licensed Activity, notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of the date of Commencement of the Licensed Activity authorised under the licence.

3.2.4 The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case zone35@hmcg.gov.uk, is made aware of the works prior to commencement of Licensed Activity.

3.2.5 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.

3.2.6 The Licensee must ensure that the cable is buried where in possible in line with Cost Benefit Analysis Model submitted to the Licensing Authority on 16 June 2020. Where burial is not possible, the cable must be protected in line with the FLMAP (APPENDIX E – FLMAP REGIONAL OUTER HEBRIDES 2020) and CEMP (APPENDIX A – CB0192 – 1002 - CEMP).

3.3 During the Licensed Activity

3.3.1 The Licensee shall ensure that prior to the expiry of the licence, the works must be altered by taking all temporary structures to a place above Mean High Water Springs.

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

3.3.3 The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is maintained at all times in good repair.

3.3.4 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.

3.3.5 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) site of the Licensed Activity.

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

3.3.7 The Licensee must ensure appropriate steps are taken to minimise damage to the beach, foreshore and seabed by the Licensed Activity.

3.3.8 The Licensee must ensure the beach, foreshore and seabed is returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the completion of the Licensed Activity.

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

3.3.10 The Licensee must take all reasonable steps to ensure existing and future safe navigation is not compromised. A maximum of 5% reduction in surrounding depth referenced to Chart Datum must not be exceeded without the approval of the Licensing Authority in consultation with the Maritime Coastguard Agency ("MCA"). Where this is not possible in the nearshore area, the addition of rock armour should not pose a hazard to vessels seeking to transit over it where it is reasonable that they would do so.

3.3.11 The licensee must ensure appropriate steps are taken to minimise damage to the seabed by the works.

3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1 The Licensee must submit a decommissioning plan to the Licensing Authority for approval two years prior to the predicted end of life of the cable or immediately in the case of cable faulting. The decommissioning plan must be based on best practice at that time. The Licensee shall be liable for all costs.

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

3.4.3 The Licensee must undertake and submit to the Licensing Authority, within eight weeks of the completion of operations relating to the licence (subject to operational constraints), an assessment of any risks posed by the final sub-sea cable route, burial depths and un-trenched areas where mechanical and any other protection measures were used within the cable route, to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority, the purpose of which is to ensure that the safety of navigation and other legitimate users of the sea is not compromised.

3.4.4 The Licensee must, no later than 14 days following the Completion of the works and/or Licensed Activity notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of the date of the Completion of the works and/or Licensed Activity.

3.4.5 The Licensee must notify the UK Hydrographic Office to permit the promulgation of maritime safety information and updating of nautical charts and publications through the national Notice to Mariners system.

3.4.6 The Licensee must, following installation, notify the Kingfisher Information Service Offshore Renewables and Cable Awareness and the UK International Cable Protection Committees of the 'as laid' cable corridor and a 500m zone either side of it as a hazardous area for anchoring.

3.4.7 The Licensee must submit a written report regarding the materials used during the works to the Licensing Authority. The written report must be submitted on completion of the works and on the forms provided by the Licensing Authority no later than 31 October 2023.

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.