

**MARINE SCOTLAND ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING**

**LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ANY FORM OF DREDGING AND DEPOSIT ANY SUBSTANCE OR OBJECT IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA**

Licence Number: **MS-00009023**

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

**The Highland Council  
Materials Testing Lab  
Diriebught Depot  
94 Diriebught Road  
Inverness IV2 3QN**

to carry out any form of dredging and 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 **19 July, 2021** until **18 July, 2023**

Signed: .....

Anni Mäkelä

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue 26 November, 2020

## **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 The Highland Council
- 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**

AECOM Limited  
7th Floor Aurora  
120 Bothwell Street  
Glasgow  
G2 7JS

### **2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity**

Uig Harbour Dredge,

Uig Harbour Berthing Area, within the area bounded by joining the points:

57° 35.196' N : 006° 22.485' W  
57° 35.183' N : 006° 22.400' W  
57° 35.166' N : 006° 22.409' W  
57° 35.172' N : 006° 22.448' W  
57° 35.169' N : 006° 22.450' W  
57° 35.176' N : 006° 22.497' W.

Uig Harbour Approachway, within the area bounded by joining the points:

57° 35.140' N : 006° 22.283' W  
57° 35.126' N : 006° 22.235' W  
57° 35.082' N : 006° 22.216' W  
57° 35.066' N : 006° 22.251' W  
57° 35.037' N : 006° 22.288' W  
57° 35.017' N : 006° 22.361' W  
57° 35.025' N : 006° 22.421' W  
57° 35.044' N : 006° 22.446' W  
57° 35.076' N : 006° 22.456' W  
57° 35.078' N : 006° 22.392' W  
57° 35.101' N : 006° 22.313' W  
57° 35.115' N : 006° 22.314' W  
57° 35.116' N : 006° 22.290' W  
57° 35.120' N : 006° 22.285' W

As shown in Annex One.

### **2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity**

Capital dredging as part of ferry terminal development.

As described in application dated 22 October, 2020 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

### **2.4 Descriptions of the materials to be dredged and substances or objects to be deposited**

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

### **2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details**

As shown in Annex Two

### **3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1 General Conditions**

3.1.1. The licensee must provide, as soon as is reasonably practicable prior to the licensed activity commencing, the name and function of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor appointed to undertake the licensed activity.

3.1.2. Any changes to the supplied details must be notified to the licensing authority, in writing, prior to any agent, contractor or sub-contractor undertaking any licensed activity.

The licensee must ensure that only those agents, contractors or sub-contractors notified to the licensing authority are permitted to undertake the licensed activity.

3.1.3. The licensee must give a copy of this licence and any subsequent variations that have been made to this licence in accordance with section 30 of the 2010 Act to any agent, contractor or sub-contractor appointed to carry out any part, or all, of the licensed activity.

3.1.4. The licensee must satisfy themselves that any such agent, contractor or sub-contractor is aware of the extent of the licensed activity for which this licence has been granted, the activity which is licensed and the terms of the conditions attached to this licence.

3.1.5. The licensee must submit full details of the vessels to be utilised in respect of the licensed activity, and their anticipated movements, to the licensing authority no later than one month, or at such a time as agreed with the licensing authority, prior to the commencement of the licensed activity. The vessel details provided must include the master's name, vessel type, vessel IMO number and vessel owner or operating company.

The licensee must ensure that a copy of this licence and any subsequent variations made to it in accordance with section 30 of the 2010 Act have been read and understood by the masters of any vessels being used to carry on any licensed activity under this licence, and that a copy of this licence is held on board any such vessel.

3.1.6. If by any reason of force majeure any substance or object is deposited other than at the site which is described in this licence, then the licensee must notify the licensing authority of the full details of the circumstances of the deposit within 48 hours of the incident occurring (failing which as soon as reasonably practicable after that period of 48 hours has elapsed). Force majeure may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel, vehicle or marine structure determines that it is necessary to deposit the substance or object other than at the specified site because the safety of human life or, as the case may be, the vessel, vehicle or marine structure is threatened. 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.

3.1.7. The licensee must, where any information upon which the granting of this licence was based has, after the granting of the licence, altered in any material respect, notify the licensing authority of this fact, in writing, as soon as is practicable.

3.1.8. Where it would appear to the licensee that there may be a delay in the submission of the reports, studies or

surveys to the licensing authority then the licensee must advise the licensing authority of this fact as soon as is practicable and no later than the time by which those reports, studies or surveys ought to have been submitted to the authority under the terms of this licence.

3.1.9 The reports, studies and surveys must include executive summaries, assessments and conclusions and any data may, subject to any rules permitting non-disclosure, be made publically available by the licensing authority, or by any such party appointed, at their discretion.

3.1.10. The licensee must ensure that all reasonable, appropriate and practicable steps are taken at all times to minimise damage to the Scottish marine area caused by the licensed activity authorised under this licence.

3.1.11. The licensee must ensure that any unauthorised debris or waste materials arising during the course of the licensed activity are removed from the site of the licensed activity for deposit at an approved location above the tidal level of MHWS.

3.1.12. The licensee must ensure that the risk of transferring non-native species to and from the site is kept to a minimum by ensuring appropriate bio-fouling management practices are implemented during the licensed activity.

3.1.13. The licensee must ensure that copies of the licence are available for inspection by any persons authorised by the licensing authority at:

- a) the premises of the licensee;
- b) the premises of any agent, contractor or sub-contractor acting on behalf of the licensee;
- c) the site of the licensed activity;
- d) onboard any vessel carrying out the licensed activity; and
- e) any onshore premises directly associated with the licensed activity.

3.1.14. Any persons authorised by the licensing authority, must be permitted to inspect the licensed activity at any reasonable time.

### **3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity**

3.2.1. The licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case [nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk](mailto:nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk), The National Maritime Operations Centre is made aware of the licensed activity prior to commencement.

3.2.2. The licensee must notify the licensing authority of the date of commencement of all licensed activity relating to the licence. Separate notifications are required at the times of commencement and completion.

### **3.3 During the Licensed Activity**

3.3.1. The licensee must adhere to the Commercial and Recreational Navigation mitigation detailed in chapter 18 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.



3.3.2. The licensee must adhere to the Commercial Fisheries mitigation detailed in chapter 19 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

3.3.3. The licensee must ensure that the barge transporting dredged substances or objects takes a route to the authorised sea deposit site which avoids sailing within 1km of the white tailed eagle breeding site.

3.3.4. The licensee must ensure that a sea deposit site monitoring plan is submitted to the licensing authority for its written approval within three months of the beginning of the first dredging campaign. The plan should include, but not be limited to, sampling and chemical testing of the deposit site sediment in line with the Marine Scotland Pre-disposal Sampling Guidance, bathymetric surveys and video or drop camera surveys.

3.3.5. Only those substances or objects described in Part 2 of the Schedule shall be deposited under authority of the licence. Any unauthorised materials associated with the substances or objects scheduled for deposit, 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 MHWS.

3.3.6. The licensee must ensure that deposited substances or objects are evenly distributed across the authorised sea deposit site and no over-spilling of dredge material loaded on the barge will be undertaken.

3.3.7. The licensee must deposit all dredged substances and objects to be deposited in the following area:

Deposit Area Name and Code: Bàgh Ùige, HE034

Within the area bounded by joining the points:

57° 34.800' N 006° 24.522' W

57° 34.806' N 006° 24.270' W

57° 34.536' N 006° 24.246' W

57° 34.530' N 006° 24.498' W

Up to a maximum of 55,426 wet tonnes may be deposited within the area during the period of validity of this licence.

3.3.8. All tank/hopper washings must be deposited in the authorised deposit area: Bàgh Ùige (HE034) .

3.3.9. The method of deposit must be:

**BOTTOM DUMPING**

3.3.10. The licensee must ensure that a log of operations is maintained on each vessel employed to undertake the deposit activity. The log(s) must be kept onboard the vessel(s) throughout the deposit activity, 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.

3.3.11. 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 deposit;
- c) the date and time of departure from port, and the date and time of arrival at the deposit area(s), on each occasion that the vessel proceeds to the deposit area(s);
- d) the date, time and position of commencement, and the date, time and position of completion, of each deposit;
- e) the course(s) and speed(s) throughout each deposit. (Multiple changes may be recorded as "various");
- f) the weather, including wind strength and direction, sea-state and tidal set throughout each deposit;
- g) the rate of discharge during each deposit, if appropriate, and the duration of each deposit. (If the rate of discharge is not constant, the maximum and mean rates of discharge must be indicated);
- h) comments on the deposit activity, including any explanations for delays in the deposit;
- i) the signature of the Master at the foot of each page of the record.

3.3.12. The licensee must ensure that no deviation from the schedule specified in the licence is made without the further written approval of the licensing authority.

### **3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity**

3.4.1. The licensee must notify the licensing authority of the date of completion of all licensed activity relating to the licence.

3.4.2. The licensee must submit written reports, to the licensing authority stating the nature and total quantity, in wet tonnes, of all substances or objects deposited 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.

3.4.3. 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 both progress and on completion of the licensed activity to notify UKHO about the revised water depth at the sea deposit site.

**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.