

MARINE SCOTLAND ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

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

Licence Number: **MS-00009111**

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

Mutual Energy Ltd
First Floor The Arena Building
85 Ormeau Road
Belfast
BT7 1SH

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 **01 April, 2021** until **01 September, 2021**

Signed:

Ellie Noble

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue 30 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 Mutual Energy 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 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

Lloyd's Register
Kingswells Causeway
Prime Four Business Park
Aberdeen
AB15 8PU

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

Northern Ireland to Scotland Pipeline, with the boundary of;

54° 59.489' N, 05° 13.254' W
54° 59.489' N, 05° 13.209' W
54° 59.479' N, 05° 13.208' W
54° 59.479' N, 05° 13.253' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Rock protection placement over an existing hydrocarbon pipeline as described in application dated 20 December 2019, and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

As described in application dated 04 January, 2021 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 amounts as specified below:

2330.8 tonnes of rock grade 1 to 5 inches

Less any materials already deposited under authority of licence number 07197/20/0 or 07197/20/1.

2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

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3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1. 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.

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

3.1.3. 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 works supply a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans', in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made.

3.1.4. 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.

3.1.5. The Licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is given to each contractor appointed to carry out part or all of the works in order that they are clear about the extent of 'the works' for which the licence has been granted and the conditions that are attached to the licence.

3.1.6. 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 and Coastguard Agency.

3.1.7. In the event of the Licensed Activities being discontinued the works must be removed and the site cleared to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority.

3.1.8. The Licensee must remove the works from below the level of Mean High Water Springs, or such alterations made, 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 of the Licensing Authority. The Licensee shall be liable for any expense incurred.

3.1.9. 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.

3.1.10. 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 Licensee shall be liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.

3.1.11. Should the Licensee proceed to undertake the Licensed Activity under the authority of this licence, the Licensed Activity authorised under the previous marine licence in favour of Mutual Energy Ltd, dated 29 July 2020 (licence number 07197/20/1) is not permitted.

3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1. The Licensee must notify The Hydrographic Office prior to works commencing to permit the promulgation of maritime safety information.

3.2.2. The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk, The National Maritime Operations Centre is made aware of the works prior to commencement.

3.2.3. 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 works.

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 the foreshore and seabed are returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the completion of the works.

3.3.3. The Licensee must ensure the best method of practice is used to minimise re-suspension of sediment during the works.

3.3.4. The Licensee must ensure suitable bunding and storage facilities are employed to prevent the release of fuel oils, lubricating fluids associated with the plant and equipment into the marine environment.

3.3.5. The Licensee must ensure that the works are maintained at all times in good repair.

3.3.6. 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.

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

time.

3.3.8. 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 works.

3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1. 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 2022.

3.4.2. The Licensee must undertake a survey 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 rock protection, 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.

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.