

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-00008748**

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

**Stornoway Port Authority
Amity House
Esplanade Quay
Stornoway
HS1 2XS**

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 **01 October, 2021** until **30 September, 2024**

Signed:



Anni Mäkelä

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 03 September, 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 Stornoway Port Authority
- 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

Affric Limited
Lochview Office
Loch Duntelchaig
Farr
IV2 6AW

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

Deep Water Port, Glumaig Bay, Stornoway, dredging within the area bound by joining the points:

58° 11.818' N 006° 23.388' W
58° 11.845' N 006° 23.099' W
58° 11.715' N 006° 23.102' W
58° 11.930' N 006° 22.499' W
58° 11.715' N 006° 22.433' W
58° 11.537' N 006° 22.654' W
58° 11.533' N 006° 22.850' W
58° 11.588' N 006° 23.155' W

Stornoway (HE035) Authorised Deposit Site, deposit within the area bound by joining the points:

58° 10.933' N 006° 22.783' W
58° 10.850' N 006° 22.667' W
58° 11.133' N 006° 22.000' W
58° 11.217' N 006° 22.133' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Capital dredging of 900,000 wet tonnes of material and deposit of dredged substances or objects from the Stornoway harbour basin to facilitate the construction of the Stornoway Deep Water Port.

- Dredging of 900,000 wet tonnes material from the Stornoway harbour basin to increase the depth to -10m chart datum
- Deposit of up to 90,000 wet tonnes of dredge material at the Stornoway (HE035) designated sea deposit site
- Use of dredge material on site as construction infill or to reclaim land

As described in the application dated 30 June, 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

The 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:

Capital dredging of 900,000 wet tonnes of material comprised primarily of pebbles, cobbles and boulders with up to 90,000 wet tonnes deposited at the Stornoway (HE035) authorised deposit site.

2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

As shown in Annex 2

3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

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

3.1.2. The Licensee must ensure that only the materials 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.

3.1.3. Only those substances or objects described in Part 2 of the Schedule shall be deposited under authority of the licence;

a) 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, shall be disposed of on land at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs.

b) All tank/hopper washings shall be deposited in the authorised sea deposit area(s).

3.1.4. 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.

3.1.5. 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.

3.1.6. The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is carried out in accordance with the mitigation measures outlined in Chapter 17: Schedule of Mitigation of the Stornoway Deep Water Port - Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Volume 2 submitted to the Licensing Authority in December, 2020.

3.1.7. The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activities are carried out in accordance with the Stornoway Deep Water Port, Stornoway, Western Isles - Written Scheme of Investigation (Document Reference 247960.03).

3.1.8. 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.

3.2 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, as soon as is reasonably practicable, but no later than 7 days, prior to the Licensed Activities commencing.

3.2.2. 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 this licence.

3.2.3. The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard, in this case zone36@hmcg.gov.uk is made aware of the Licensed Activity prior to commencement.

3.2.4. The Licensee must submit full details of the vessels to be utilised to deposit substances or objects 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 vessel type, vessel's International Maritime Organisation Number and vessel owner or operating company.

3.2.5. The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is carried out in accordance with a Marine Mammal Management Plan ("MMMP") which the Licensee must submit, in writing, to the Licensing Authority for its written approval, no later than two months prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity or at such a time as agreed with the Licensing Authority. It is not permissible for the Licensed Activity to proceed prior to the granting of such approval. In the event that the Licensee wishes to update or amend any of the protocols in the MMMP, the Licensee must submit, in writing, details of proposed updates or amendments 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 updates or amendments. It is not permissible for any Licensed Activity associated with the proposed updates or amendments to proceed prior to the granting of such approvals. The MMMP must include, but not be limited to, the mitigation measures outlined in the Piling Marine Mammal Protocol and the Spoil Disposal Marine Mammal Protocol found within paragraphs 7.6.1. and 7.6.2. of the Stornoway Deep Water Port – Environmental Impact Assessment Report Volume 2, December 2020 subject to the following alterations to both protocols:

- a) inclusion of details of the on-site location and experience levels of the marine mammal observers employed;
- b) inclusion of the details of the passive acoustic monitoring system to be utilised, including details of its location, when it is to be deployed and the experience of the levels of the operators;
- c) inclusion of communication protocols between the Marine Mammal Observers/Passive Acoustic Monitoring operator and the piling contractor; and,
- d) the 500m mitigation zone may be reduced to 100m in regards to seals.

3.2.6. The Licensee must ensure that the Licensed Activity is carried out in accordance with a Construction Environmental Management Document ("CEMD") which the Licensee must submit, in writing, to the Licensing Authority for its written approval, no later than two months prior to the Licensed Activity or at such a time as agreed with the Licensing Authority. It is not permissible for the Licensed Activity to proceed prior to the granting of such approval. In the event that the Licensee wishes to update or amend any of the protocols in the CEMD, the Licensee must submit, in writing, details of proposed updates or amendments 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 updates or amendments. It is not permissible for any Licensed Activity associated with the proposed updates or amendments to proceed prior to the granting of such approvals. The CEMD must include a construction traffic management plan, protocol for archaeological discoveries, an invasive non-native species management plan, a navigational risk assessment and a dust management plan.

3.2.7. The Licensee must ensure that surveys of the wreck S.S. Alabama are carried out in accordance with the Stornoway Deep Water Port, Stornoway, Western Isles - Written Scheme of Investigation (Document Reference 247960.03). The Licensee must provide the Licensing Authority with written correspondence to show that Historic Environment Scotland is satisfied with the report on survey findings.

3.2.8. The Licensee must notify the UK Hydrographic Office at least five days before commencement of the Licensed Activities. Such notification must include the start date and end date of the Licensed Activities, locations in WGS84 and details of the Licensed Activities to be carried on, marking of the Licensed Activities. The Licensee must follow the advice of the UK Hydrographic Office in relation to any further notifications required.

3.2.9. The Licensee must liaise with the Northern Lighthouse Board to discuss the navigational marking requirement prior to Commencement of the Licensed Activity. This will include the permanent Aids to Navigation ("AtoN") as well as any temporary AtoN required during the construction phases.

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 Activities.

3.3.2. The Licensee shall ensure that a log of activities is maintained on each vessel employed to undertake the deposit operations. The log(s) shall be kept onboard the vessel(s) throughout the Licensed Activity, and be available for inspection by any authorised Marine Enforcement Officer. The log(s) shall 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) shall 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 authorised sea deposit area(s), on each occasion that the vessel proceeds to the designated sea deposit area(s);
- d) the date, time and position of commencement, and the date, time and position of completion, of each deposit operation;
- e) the course(s) and speed(s) throughout each deposit operation (multiple changes may be recorded as "various");
- f) the weather, including wind strength and direction, sea-state and tidal set throughout each deposit operation;
- g) the rate of discharge during each deposit operation, if appropriate, and the duration of each deposit operation (if the rate of discharge is not constant, the maximum and mean rates of discharge should be indicated);
- h) comments on the deposit operations, including any explanations for delays in the deposit operations; and
- i) the signature of the Master at the foot of each page of the record.

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

- a) the premises of the Licensee;
- b) the premises of any agent, contractor and sub-contractor acting on behalf of the Licensee;
- c) location of the Licensed Activity; and
- d) any vessel or vehicle carrying on the licensed activity.

3.3.4. The Licensee must deposit the substances or objects described in Part 2 of the marine licence in the following authorised sea deposit area(s):

STORNOWAY (HE035) Up to a maximum quantity of 90,000 wet tonnes may be deposited during the period of validity of the licence, within the area bounded by joining the points;

58° 10.933' N 006° 22.783' W
58° 10.850' N 006° 22.667' W
58° 11.133' N 006° 22.000' W
58° 11.217' N 006° 22.133' W

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

3.3.6. 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.

3.3.7. The Licensee must provide a copy of the licence to each agent, contractor and sub-contractor employed to undertake the Licensed Activities.

3.3.8. The Licensee must ensure that any masters of vessels and vehicle operators and agents, contractors or sub-contractors are aware of the particulars in Part 2 of the licence and the conditions in Part 3 of the licence.

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

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

3.4 Upon Completion of the Licensed Activity

3.4.1. 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.

3.4.2. The Licensee must, within seven days of completion of the licensable marine activity, notify the Licensing Authority of the date of completion of the licensable marine 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.