

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

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

Licence Number: **MS-00009122**

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

**Transport Scotland  
Buchanan House  
58 Port Dundas Road  
Glasgow  
G4 0HF**

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 **31 March, 2021** until **30 September, 2021**

Signed: .....

Ellie Noble

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue 31 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 Transport Scotland
- 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**

BEAR Scotland Ltd  
Bear House  
Inveralmond Road  
Inveralmond Industrial Estate  
Perth PH1 3TW

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

Forth Road Bridge, on a line located by joining the points:

55° 59.333' N 03° 24.193' W  
56° 00.712' N 03° 24.129' W

As shown in Annex One.

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

Construction and maintenance works at Forth Road Bridge.

As described in application dated 20 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:

All deposits on bridge over Mean High Water Springs ("MHWS")

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

To be notified to Marine Scotland.

### **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 The Licensee must strictly adhere to all mitigation and monitoring measures specified in the Construction Noise Management Plan submitted to the Licensing Authority on 25 March 2021, unless otherwise agreed in writing with by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.10 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 Transport Scotland, dated 21 October

2020, licence number MS-00008903 is not permitted.

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

3.2.1 The Licensee must complete and submit a proposed activity form in the online Marine Noise Registry for all Licensed Activities that will produce loud, low to medium frequency (10Hz-10kHz) impulsive noise no later than seven days prior to commencement of the Licensed Activity. If any aspects of the Licensed Activity differs from the proposed activity form in the online marine noise registry, the Licensee must complete and submit a new proposed activity form no later than seven days prior to commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.2 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 prior to the Licensed Activities commencing.

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 this licence.

3.2.4 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.

3.2.5 The Licensee must issue local notification to marine users – including fisherman’s organisations, neighbouring port authorities and other local stakeholders clearly stating the nature and duration of the works – 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 that the Licensed Activity is maintained at all times in good repair.

3.3.3 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.

3.3.4 The Licensee must ensure that only those agents, contractors or sub-contractors notified to the Licensing Authority are permitted to undertake the works and/or Licensed Activities.

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 shall ensure a 'soft-start' approach is adopted for all noisy activities resulting in an increase of greater than or equal to 3db in the ambient noise level at Long Craig Island.

3.3.7 The licensee shall ensure that no deviation from the schedule specified in the licence is made without the further written consent of the licensing authority.

3.3.8 The licensee shall ensure that no radio beacon or radar beacon operating in the marine frequency bands is installed or used on the works without the prior written approval of the licensing authority.

3.3.9 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.

3.3.10 In the event of the licensed operations being discontinued the works shall be removed and the site cleared to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

3.3.11 Any person authorised by the licensing authority shall be permitted to inspect the works at any reasonable time.

3.3.12 The Licensee shall 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.

3.3.13 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 shall be immediately notified of the details.

3.3.14 The Licensee shall at no time reduce the published height of the bridge or obstruct without first gaining permission from Forth Ports.

3.3.15 The Licensee shall ensure that appropriate containment measures, including use of spotters during construction works with potential to affect vessels underneath the bridge, are adopted to ensure no debris and sparks will fall from the bridge while crafts/vessels are passing under the bridge.

3.3.16 The Licensee shall ensure that the works do not interfere or obstruct the navigation lights on the bridge.



3.3.17 The Licensee shall ensure noise does not exceed a maximum of 75db for works taking place within 400m of Long Craig Island between 1 May to 15 August (inclusive).

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

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

3.4.2 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.

3.4.3 The Licensee shall ensure the shoreline is returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the completion of the works.

**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.