



MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, 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-00010214**

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

Seagreen Wind Energy Limited
1 Waterloo Street
Glasgow
G2 6AY

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 **30 March, 2023** until **30 June, 2023**

Signed:
Amy Alexander

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 29 March, 2023

1. PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Interpretation

In the licence, terms are Section 115 of the Marine and Coast Access Act 2009 unless otherwise stated, and,

- a) **"the 2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009
- b) **"Licensed Activity"** means any activity or activities listed in section 66 of the 2009 Act which is, or are authorised under the licence;
- c) **"Licensee"** means Seagreen Wind Energy Limited
- 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 72(1) of the 2009 Act the Licensing Authority may by notice vary, suspend or revoke the licence, if it appears to the Licensing Authority that there has been a breach of any of its provisions or for any such other reason that appears to be relevant to the Licensing Authority under section 71(2) or (3) of the 2009 Act.

Under section 71(7) of the 2009 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 85 of the 2009 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 86 of the 2009 Act, it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 85(1) of the 2009 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, and

that the person took steps within a reasonable time to inform the Licensing Authority of the matters set out in section 86(2) of the 2009 Act.

1.7 Offences relating to information

Under section 85 of the 2009 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 2009 Act or the provisions of the 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

as per Licensee

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

Seagreen Alpha and Bravo Wind Farm Sites,

56° 39.317' N 01° 36.884' W
56° 37.913' N 01° 36.151' W
56° 38.053' N 01° 35.475' W
56° 39.923' N 01° 34.627' W
56° 31.903' N 01° 29.311' W
56° 31.724' N 01° 33.882' W
56° 32.983' N 01° 34.195' W
56° 33.329' N 01° 34.059' W
56° 33.383' N 01° 35.298' W
56° 33.051' N 01° 35.583' W
56° 31.666' N 01° 35.352' W
56° 30.923' N 01° 53.541' W
56° 30.803' N 01° 56.378' W
56° 40.653' N 01° 56.226' W
56° 40.648' N 01° 52.170' W
56° 39.847' N 01° 52.194' W
56° 39.837' N 01° 51.101' W
56° 39.417' N 01° 51.114' W
56° 38.138' N 01° 46.249' W
56° 38.383' N 01° 45.181' W
56° 39.512' N 01° 44.928' W
56° 40.157' N 01° 45.487' W
56° 40.631' N 01° 43.829' W
56° 40.606' N 01° 36.151' W
56° 39.729' N 01° 36.650' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Dredging by shallow mechanical excavation at up to 5 wind turbine generator (WTG) suction caisson foundation locations within the Seagreen Alpha and Bravo offshore windfarm sites.

As described in the application dated 16 December, 2022 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:

Up to a maximum of 14,000 wet tonnes may be dredged and deposited within the Location of the Licensed Activity during the period of validity of this licence.

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 only deposit the Substances or objects listed in Part 2 of the licence in accordance with the licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority unless otherwise authorised by the Licensing Authority. 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, shall be disposed of on land at an approved location above the tidal level of Mean High Water Springs. All tank/hopper washings shall be deposited in the authorised sea deposit area(s).

3.1.2 Only the Substances or objects listed in Part 2 of the licence may be deposited during the execution of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.3 All materials, substances and objects used during the execution of the Licensed Activity must be inert and must not contain toxic elements which may be harmful to the marine environment, the living resources which it supports or human health.

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 ensure that the Licensed Activity is only carried out at the location of the Licensed Activity specified in Part 2 of the licence. Dredged substances and objects must be sidecast adjacent to the area being dredged

3.2 Prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activity

3.2.1 The Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority in writing of the name and address of any agent, contractor or sub-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

3.2.2 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 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. This must be issued at least 5 days prior to the Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.4 The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard National Maritime Operations Centre, in this case zone4@hmcg.gov.uk and renewables@hmcg.gov.uk, is made aware of the Licensed Activity prior to commencement.

3.2.5 A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) at least 10 days before Commencement of the Licensed Activity. Such notification must include the start and end date of the Licensed Activity, a description of the Licensed Activity, position of the Licensed Activity (WGS84), details of any marking arrangements, and any hazards to navigation.

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 Activity.

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

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 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 Licensed Activity.

3.3.5 The Licensee must ensure that a copy of the licence is given to each contractor and sub-contractor employed to undertake the Licensed Activity.

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

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

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 within 3 months of Completion of the Licensed Activity and on the forms provided by the Licensing Authority.

3.4.2 A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office, (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) no later than 10 working days after Completion of the Licensed Activity. Such notification must include a copy of the licence, and wherever possible, 'as built plans' or any changes to engineering drawings, post dredge hydro surveys confirming changes to chart datum and details of new or changed aids to navigation where applicable in order that all necessary amendments to nautical publications are made.

3.4.3 The Licensee must make post-clearance information regarding the extent and outcome of the Licensed Activity available to fisheries representatives, if requested.

3.4.4 If a new licence is required, the Licensee must make an application at least fourteen weeks before the expiry date of the licence. This licence shall not continue in force after the expiry date of 30 June 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.