

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

LICENCE TO REMOVE ANY SUBSTANCE OR OBJECT FROM THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA

Licence Number: **MS-00010344**

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

Morven Offshore Wind Limited
Chertsey Road
Sunbury on Thames
Middlesex
TW16 7LN

to remove 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 **17 August, 2023** until **01 June, 2024**

Signed:

Debbie England

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 16 August, 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 Morven Offshore Wind 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 Directorate - Licensing Operations Team
375 Victoria Road
Aberdeen
AB11 9DB
Email: MS.MarineRenewables@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 Location of the Licensed Activity

Morven Offshore Wind Farm, being the area bound by joining the following points:

56° 54.368' N 01° 04.786' W
56° 43.111' N 00° 48.299' W
56° 29.305' N 00° 28.371' W
56° 29.201' N 00° 28.427' W
56° 27.349' N 00° 38.984' W
56° 26.392' N 00° 42.207' W
56° 26.235' N 00° 43.370' W
56° 35.855' N 00° 57.358' W
56° 46.604' N 01° 13.170' W
56° 48.515' N 01° 12.339' W
56° 54.441' N 01° 05.648' W
56° 54.368' N 01° 04.786' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Geotechnical survey investigation, consisting of the following:

Collection of rock and soil samples from up to 30 boreholes to a maximum depth of 90 metres below the seafloor.

As described in the application dated 28 March, 2023 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

2.4 Descriptions of the substances or objects to be removed

The licence authorises the removal of the undernoted substances and objects required in connection with the Licensed Activity, subject to the maximum amounts as specified below:

Samples of soil and rock of up to 102 millimetre diameter per borehole, with no more than 2.83 cubic metres of rock and soil sample to be removed per borehole.

3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 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 commencement, 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.

3.1.3 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.

3.2 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 Activity, as soon as is reasonably practicable before the Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.3 The Licensee must issue local notification to marine users – including fisherman's organisations, neighbouring port authorities, Northern Lighthouse Board, UK Hydrographic Office, Kingfisher Bulletin, and other local stakeholders – to ensure that they are made fully aware of the Licensed Activity. This must be issued at least 5 days before Commencement of the Licensed Activity.

3.2.4 The Licensee must ensure that HM Coastguard National Maritime Operations Centre, in this case Zone3@hmcg.gov.uk, Zone4@hmcg.gov.uk and renewables@hmcg.gov.uk, is made aware of the Licensed Activity prior to commencement.

3.2.5 The Licensee must notify Source Data Receipt, the UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) of the Commencement of the Licensed Activity at least 5 days before the Commencement of the Licensed Activity. The information supplied in the notice must include the start date and end date, a description of the Licensed Activity, positions of the work area (with co-ordinates in WGS84 format), and details of any marking arrangements.

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 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.

3.3.3 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.

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

3.3.5 The Licensee must ensure the best method of practice is used to minimise re-suspension of sediment during 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 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 01 June 2024.

3.4.2 The Licensee must ensure the seabed is returned to the original profile, or as close as reasonably practicable, following the Completion of the Licensed 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.