

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING**LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT, ALTER OR IMPROVE WORKS IN THE SCOTTISH MARINE AREA**

Licence Number: **MS-00010221**

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

Simply Blue Energy (Orkney) Ltd
20-22 Wenlock Road
London
N1 7GU

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 **06 April, 2024** until **01 March, 2030**

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Signed:

Debbie England

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date of issue: 05 April, 2024

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 Simply Blue Energy (Orkney) 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 Directorate - Licensing Operations Team
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

Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road,
Aberdeen AB11 9DB
www.scotland.gov.uk/marinescotland



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

European Marine Energy Centre Ltd
The Charles Clouston Building
Orkney Research and Innovation Campus
Back Road
Stromness
Orkney
KW16 3AW

2.2 Location of the Licensed Activity

CorPack, Billia Croo, EMEC,

59° 00.587' N 03° 25.711' W
59° 00.587' N 03° 25.000' W
58° 59.990' N 03° 25.711' W
58° 59.990' N 03° 25.000' W

As shown in Annex One.

2.3 Description of the Licensed Activity

Construct, alter and improve an array of 14 WEC devices.

As described in the application dated 17 January, 2023 and correspondence submitted in support of the application.

2.4 Descriptions of the materials to be used during the Licensed Activity

The licence authorises the use of the undernoted construction materials required in connection with the licensed activity, subject to the indicative amounts as specified below:

Steel - 1400 tonnes
Aluminium - 16.8 tonnes
Composite - 336 tonnes
Copper - 18.2 tonnes

2.5 Contractor and Vessel Details

3. PART 3 – CONDITIONS

3.1 General Conditions

3.1.1 The Licensee must only construct the works in accordance with this licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority unless otherwise authorised by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.2 The Licensee must maintain the works in accordance with the licence, the application and any plans or programmes approved by the Licensing Authority unless otherwise authorised by the Licensing Authority.

3.1.3 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.

3.1.4 Only the materials listed in Part 2 of the licence may be used during the execution of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.5 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.

3.1.6 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 as described in Part 2 of the Licence.

3.1.7 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.

3.1.8 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 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.

3.1.9 Details of any marks or lights not required by the licence must be submitted to the Northern Lighthouse Board and its ruling complied with. The display of unauthorised marks or lights is prohibited.

3.1.10 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.

3.1.12 Where any damage, destruction or decay is caused to the objects or works, the Licensee must notify the Licensing Authority, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Northern Lighthouse Board, Kingfisher Information Services of Seafish and the UK Hydrographic Officer, in writing, of such damage, destruction or decay as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 24 hour after becoming aware of any such damage, destruction or decay.

3.1.13 If governmental assistance is required (including UK governmental assistance or the assistance of any UK devolved government) to deal with any emergency arising from:

- a) the failure to mark and light the works as required by the licence;
 - b) the maintenance of the works; or
 - c) the drifting or wreck of the works, to include the broadcast of navigational warnings
- then the Licensee is liable for any expenses incurred in securing such assistance.

3.1.14 The Licensee must complete and submit a Close-out Report for the licensable marine activities that produced loud, low to medium frequency (10Hz-10kHz) impulsive noise in the online Marine Noise Registry no later than 12 weeks from the Completion of the Licensed Activity.

3.1.15 In the event of the Licensed Activity being discontinued the materials used or substances and objects deposited under the authority of the licence must be removed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority.

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

3.1.17 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 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 differ 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 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.

3.2.3 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.

3.2.4 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 the licence.

3.2.5 A notification must be sent to the source data receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) of the Commencement of the Licensed Activities, at least 10 days before commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

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

3.2.7 The Licensed Activity must, at all times, be constructed in accordance with the Project Information Summary and any other plans and statements as submitted at Application. Any updates or amendments made to the approved Project Information Summary must be submitted, in writing, to the Licensing Authority for their prior written approval.

3.2.8 The Licensee must, no later than 3 calendar months prior to the commencement of the works, provide the Licensing Authority with Third Party Certification or Verification ("TPC" or "TPV") (or a suitable alternative as agreed in writing with the Licensing Authority) that covers the entirety of the works for the lifespan of the works. The TPC or TPV should follow the guidance provided in the Offshore wind, wave and tidal energy applications: consenting and licensing manual (www.gov.scot) or any other relevant document which may supersede this. There must be no commencement of the works unless the TPC or TPV is provided as described above unless otherwise agreed with the Licensing Authority.

3.2.9 There must be no commencement of the works unless a Decommissioning Programme ("DP") has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. The DP must outline measures for the

decommissioning of the works, restoration of the sea bed and will include without limitation, proposals for the removal of the works, the management and timing of the removal and environmental management provisions. The works must be decommissioned in accordance with the approved DP unless otherwise agreed by the Licensing Authority.

3.2.10 The Licensee must, no later than one calendar month prior to Commencement of the Licensed Activity, or at an alternative date as agreed with the Licensing Authority, submit an Emergency Response Co-operation Plan ("ERCoP") to the Licensing Authority for its written approval. The ERCoP must be in line with the EMEC overarching ERCoP and be agreed with the Offshore Energy Liaison Officer, HM Coastguard, MCA (oelo@mcga.gov.uk) prior to submission.

3.2.11 The Licensee must, no later than 7 days prior to Commencement of the Licensed Activity, ensure that local mariners, fishermen's organisations and HM Coastguard, in this case via Zone2@hmcg.gov.uk and renewables@hmcg.gov.uk, are made fully aware of the works through local Notice to Mariners or by any other appropriate means.

3.2.12 The Licensee must, no later than 3 months prior to construction, submit a Navigational Risk Assessment ("NRA") to the Licensing Authority for its written approval. Such approval may only be granted following consultation with the Licensing Authority with the MCA and NLB. There must be no commencement of the works until the NRA has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.2.13 The Licensee must, no later than 3 months prior to construction, submit an Array Layout Plan ("ALP") for the works to the Licensing Authority for its written approval. Such approval may only be granted following consultation by the Licensing Authority with the MCA. The ALP must include:

- a) The number, dimensions, specification, foundation type(s) and depth for each WECs.
- b) The grid coordinates of the centre point of the proposed location for each WECs.
- c) The location and specification of all other aspects of the authorised project.

There must be no commencement of the works until the ALP has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

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 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.

3.3.4 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 the best method of practice is used to minimise re-suspension of sediment during the Licensed Activity.

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

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

3.3.9 The Licensee must ensure that all fourteen wave energy devices are predominantly yellow in colour, Each device must display a single yellow light, displaying a character of flash yellow every 5 seconds (FL. Y. 5s) with a nominal range of 2 miles and mounted so as to be visible through 360°. A radar reflector must also be installed on or within each device to improve radar conspicuity.

3.3.10 The Licensee must apply to the Northern Lighthouse Board for a Statutory Sanction to establish the Aids to Navigation via navigation@nlb.org.uk.

3.3.11 The Licensee must, where any damage, destruction or decay is caused to the Licensed Activity, notify the Licensing Authority, in writing, of such damage, destruction or decay as soon as reasonably practicable following such damage, destruction or decay. The Licensee must carry out any remedial action which the Licensing Authority advises the Licensee, in writing, as requiring to be taken, which may include a requirement to display aids to navigation, following consultation by the Licensing Authority with the Maritime Coastguard Agency, the Northern Lighthouse Board or any such advisors as required.

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 2031.

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.

3.4.3 The Licensee must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the Completion of the Licensed Activity to facilitate the promulgation of maritime safety information and updating of admiralty charts and publications through the national Notice to Mariners system.

3.4.4 A notification must be sent to the source data receipt team, UK hydrographic Office, (email: sdri@ukho.gov.uk) on Completion of the Licensed Activities, no later than 10 working days after their completion. The information provided must include: latitude and longitude coordinates in WGS84 (ETRS89) datum of the installed works on or above the seabed, any changes to engineering drawings, post dredge surveys, details of new or changed aids to navigation where applicable.

3.4.5 The Licensee shall ensure that, at least three months prior to the expiry of the licence, the works must be altered by taking all temporary and permanent materials and structures to a place above Mean High Water Springs.

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.