



Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team 375 Victoria Road Aberdeen AB11 9DB

> 23/Scoping&PAC Notice 2nd September 2015

Dear Sir,

Re: Phase 4 Development of the Invergordon Service Base

Port of Cromarty Firth, wish to undertake a fourth Phase of development at the Invergordon Service Base to provide additional laydown, berthing and potentially a Roll-on, Roll-off capability. Due to the nature and scale of the proposed development it has been assumed that an Environmental Impact Assessment and Pre-Application Consultation will be required.

Please find enclosed the Scoping Report and Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Plan for the development. You will note that the area proposed for development has changed to take account of input received as part of The Highland Council's Pre-Application Advice process which Mike Bland and Tim Roberts of Marine Scotland were involved in. The development may no longer require planning permission, however PoCF are keen to keep The Highland Council fully engaged in the process.

The PAC Plan includes workshops to allow input from the local community into the development to be held on the 20th of October 2015. This will be followed up with public exhibition's on the 1st and 2nd of December 2015. We deem the latter event as being the main consultation and as such will advertise this event before the 20th of October (6 weeks prior to the event) to meet the legal requirements of The Marine Licensing (Pre-application Consultation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. This letter and the PAC plan are provided as our notice to Marine Scotland under the same regulations with regard to our intent to consult, this is more than 12 weeks before our intended application date for the Marine License at the end of December 2015.

If you have any queries with regard to the Scoping Report or PAC Plan, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Affric's Jon Ashburner or PoCF's Calum Slater, contact details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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