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Attn: Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team (MSLOT)

**Ardersier Port Limited – Marine License 06859/10/1 (Dredging)
Request for a Screening Opinion**

We write on behalf of our Clients, Ardersier Port Ltd, to formally request a screening opinion under The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 for the above-named project. The screening request relates to the proposals to dredge the harbour area of the port during the winter period.

As required by Paragraph 10 of the above Regulations we have provided a report for this proposal (attached) which includes:

- (2) a) *a description of the location of the proposed works, including a plan sufficient to identify the area in which the works are proposed to be sited;*
- b) *a description of the proposed works, including in particular—*
 - (i) *a list of all of the regulated activities which are proposed;*
 - (ii) *a description of the physical characteristics of the proposed works and, where relevant, works to be decommissioned; and*
 - (iii) *a description of the location of the proposed works, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected;*
- c) *a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the proposed works; and*
- d) *a description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the proposed works on the environment resulting from either, or both, of the following:—*
 - (i) *the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant;*
 - (ii) *the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.*
- (3) *A request for a screening opinion may, in addition to the information required in accordance with paragraph (2), also be accompanied by a description of any features of the proposed works or proposed measures envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment.*
- (4) *The information referred to in paragraph (2) is to be compiled taking into account, where relevant—*
 - a) *the selection criteria set out in schedule 3; and*
 - b) *the available results of any relevant assessment.*

The information provided is drawn from a desk-based appraisal of the site in relation to its environmental setting.

If you have any questions related to the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely
for EnviroCentre Ltd

(issued electronically)

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Enc: Ardersier Port Dredging Campaign Screening Request (EnviroCentre Report No 9799, dated November 2021)

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