Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm

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1 INTRODUCTION

This document presents additional information for the Spiorad na Mara Offshore Wind Farm Transmission Marine Licence Application Form, to provide additional detail where required, and show text sections which are not visible on the MD-LOT application form template pdf submitted for the offshore transmission infrastructure.

Table 1-1 Transmission Marine Licence Application Form – Supplementary Text Details

Marine Licence Application Form Section	Section Description	Project Text Provided
5 Description and Cost of the Proposed Project	5c Types of Work Proposed General Marine Project (e.g. wave, tidal device, monopile turbine)	Offshore Substation Platform; Export Cables from the Offshore Substation Platform to Landfall; Boulder Clearance, scour and cable protection, and works associated with the HDD, including up to 3 HDD exit pits; Associated infrastructure such as navigational markers and buoys
	Dredging/Drilling Operations	Drilling is an option for the foundations for the OSP legs and Horizontal Direction Drilling will be needed for the cable landfall.
19	Details of Dredged Material Quality	The applicant has undertaken detailed environmental sampling within the Offshore Project Boundary to inform baseline conditions. This sampling included collection of surface sediment samples within the Array Area to support the understanding of likely impacts from project activities. At the time of sampling, it was identified that most seabed sediments within the OCAS which includes for transmission assets and associated activities such as transmission cable trenching and HDD exit pit development were not suitable for physical sampling given the prevalence of hard substrates including rock, boulders and cobbles. Therefore, samples were only collected within soft sediment areas. These positions were not specific to the area identified for transmission cable installation or HDD exit pit development. Sediment samples collected were analysed for a suite of physicochemical parameters. The sediment chemical data is presented in Appendix 11.1 and Chapter 10 of the EIAR supporting this application. Results from the analysis indicated that contaminant levels were generally found to be low across all sampling locations. To determine potential impacts from release of contaminants from transmission cable trenching and/ or HDD exit pit development this sediment chemical data has been used as a proxy and a worst case given the prevalence of hard substrates across the OCAS (which can be assumed to be inert and therefore free from contamination). The extent of release and deposition of sediments from transmission asset activities has been assessed in Chapter 9 and the potential for impacts from release of contaminants (based on sediment chemical data collected) from mobilised sediments is assessed in Chapter 10 of the EIAR.

		The project will undertake a full geotechnical campaign of HDD exit pit locations as the project moves into the detailed design phase and a full geotechnical analysis will be completed at that time.
22 Other Consents 5. Others	Reference No.	Section 36 Consent
	Date of Issue of Consent:	Application Submitted 2026
24 Advertising and Consultation	Have these proposals been advertised to the public?	The Section 36 and Marine Licence applications will be advertised by public notice in both a local newspaper (Stornoway Gazette) and a national newspaper (The Herald and Edinburgh Gazette)
	Have the public been invited to submit comments?	Following acceptance of the application, the application will be advertised in the publications listed above and the public will be invited to make representations to MD-LOT in accordance with the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2017. A deadline for providing comments on the application will be specified within the advert
	Have any consultation meetings with the public been arranged?	Public Information Events were held in 2023, with Public Consultations held in 2024 and 2025. The Public Consultation events have included in person exhibitions, a virtual exhibition, information clinics and briefings. The events were advertised by mail drops (to over 11,000 addresses), newspaper adverts in The Press & Journal, Stornoway Gazette and Fions, press releases, releases to the Project mailing list, via the Project website and via the Project LinkedIn page. Further details can be found in the Offshore Pre-Application Consultation Report

Table 1-2 Permanent (and Temporary) Deposits

8 (a) Quantity of permanent (and temporary, where applicable) materials to be deposited below MHWS:

Type of Deposit	**Nature of Deposit (P = Permanent, T = Temporary)**	**Deposit Quantity**
Steel/Iron	P	15,000 Tonnes
Concrete	P	50,000 m^3
Stone/Rock Gravel	P	176,500 m^3
Concrete bags/mattresses	P	223,500 m^3
Cable	P	30,000 m
Other (please describe below)		
Further details are provided within the EIA Report Volume 1 Chapter 3 Project Description		