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To: _planningadvice
Subject: The Wash H06-1141-22
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Please add this email and attachment to the DIP under 5MISC – MMO Marine Licence.

Many thanks,

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From: David Hopper <david.hopper@marmus.co.uk>
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To: Grant, David <dgrant@sholland.gov.uk>
Subject: CL-2202- Holbeach AWR Target Barges 23.03.29 -- Planning application update

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Good morning David,

I hope you are well.

I was writing to see how the planning application for the replacement target barges at Holbeach AWR was progressing?

Is there anything else you need from us to help with the determination?

We have just received the draft license from the MMO for the works which i have attached for your information

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best regards,

David Hopper

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Marine Management Organisation Marine Licence

1 Introduction

This is a licence granted by the Marine Management Organisation on behalf of the Secretary of State to authorise the licence holder to carry on activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

1.1 Licence number

The licence number for this licence is Not Assigned

1.2 Licence holder

The licence holder is the person or organisation set out below:

Name / company name	Landmarc Support Services Limited
Company registration number (if applicable)	04396241
Address	West Tofts Camp, West Tofts, Thetford, IP26 5EP
Contact within company	Mr Thomas Davidson
Position within company (if applicable). State if company officer or director	Project Manager

1.3 Licence date

Version	0.4
Licence start date	28 March 2023
Licence end date	02 April 2025
Date of original issue	28 March 2023

1.4 Licence validity

This version of this licence is valid from the licence start date to the licence end date.

This version of this licence supersedes any earlier version of this licence. Any activity commenced under a previous version of this licence and which is also a licensed activity authorised by section 4 of this version of this licence may continue in accordance with the licence conditions in section 5 of this version of this licence.

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2 General

2.1 Interpretation

In this licence, terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and the Interpretation Act 1978 unless otherwise stated.

- "licensed activity" means any activity set out in section 4 of this licence.
- "licence holder" means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1 above to whom this licence is granted.
- "MMO" means the Marine Management Organisation.
- "mean high water springs" means the average of high water heights occurring at the time of spring tides.
- "sea bed" or "seabed" means the ground under the sea.
- "the 2009 Act" means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- All times shall be taken to be the time on any given day.
- All geographical co-ordinates contained within this licence are in WGS84 format (latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to three decimal places) unless stated otherwise.

2.2 Contacts

Except where otherwise indicated, the main point of contact with the MMO and the address for email and postal returns and correspondence shall be:

Marine Management Organisation

Lancaster House

Hampshire Court

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE4 7YH

Tel: 0300 123 1032

Email: marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk

Any references to any local MMO officer shall be the relevant officer in the area(s) located at:

Marine Management Organisation

Pakefield Road

Lowestoft

Suffolk

NR33 0HT

Tel: 0208 026 6094

Email: lowestoft@marinemanagement.org.uk

3 Project overview

3.1 Project title

Holbeach AWR Target Replacement

3.2 Project description

Royal Air Force (RAF) Holbeach is a remote range situated on The Wash and is located around eight miles North-North-East of Holbeach village, approximately equidistant from Boston and King's Lynn. Extending over an area of 3,875 hectares, which includes 3,100 hectares of intertidal mudflats and 775 hectares of salt marsh, the air weapons range provides facilities for RAF and NATO-allied aircraft to practise dropping bombs and firing their aircraft weapons, including pre-deployment training.

The existing target used for target practice is no longer serviceable. This project consists of positioning and scuttling two new barges, adjacent to the two existing target barges. The new barges will be prefabricated off-site, brought in and allowed to ground. Once grounded, flooding ports will be opened and the barges will be flooded on the next tide. The barges will be monitored for two tidal cycles and then monitoring will continue offshore for the next six months.

4 Licensed activities

This section sets out the licensed activities. The licensed activities are authorised to be carried on only in accordance with the activity details below and with the licence conditions as set out in section 5 of this licence.

Please note that where licensed quantities are displayed with reference to their constituent materials, the relative quantities given for the constituent materials are indicative only.

Site 1 - Holbeach Target Replacement Site		
Site location	Holbeach Target Replacement Site, The Wash at 52 52' 00" north and long 00 11' 25" east. See coordinates in Schedule 1 for exact location.	
Activity 1.1 - Deposit of Ground Moorings		
Activity type	Other deposits	
Activity location	Holbeach Target Replacement Site, The Wash at 52 52' 00" north and long 00 11' 25" east. See coordinates in Schedule 1 for exact site location and Schedules 2-4 for exact ground mooring positions.	
Description	Three 1 tonne Stevin high holding power anchors (ground moorings) will be installed in the project location preceding the grounding of the barges.	
Quantities		
Start date	End date	Quantity (kg)
01/9/2023	30/9/2023	1000
01/9/2023	30/9/2023	1000
01/9/2023	30/9/2023	1000
Methodology	A tug or workboat will lay the three ground moorings. Please see Schedules 2-4 for exact ground mooring positions. The anchors will be lifted over the side of the vessel and positioned using a land surveyor. They will be lowered to the seabed, pressure applied to embed the mooring and then the mooring line run back in the direction of where the barges will be moored. The pennant buoys will be secured to the end of the chain ready to be lifted when the barges are towed to site.	
Programme of works	Activities will take a maximum of one day to complete.	
Activity 1.2 - Installation of Replacement Target Barges		
Activity type	Scuttling of a vessel	

Activity location	Holbeach Target Replacement Site, The Wash at 52 52' 00" north and long 00 11' 25" east. See coordinates in Schedule 1 for exact location.
Description	Two new barges will be installed in an area currently used for target practice in the Wash. These will be sited next to two existing barges which are in a state of disrepair. The new targets will form a 60 metres x 6 metres x 5 metres barge convoy used for practice by the Air Weapons Range.
Methodology	The installation of the two new target barges will involve towing the barges individually to the site location using shallow draft tugs or work boats at high water. The first barge will be held in place by the draft tugs/workboats as it is connected to the ground moorings, also whilst the tide recedes, allowing it to ground in position. The flood ports will then be opened, awaiting the following high tide. The barge position will be confirmed by a land surveyor and monitored throughout another tidal cycle. At the next high tide, the draft tugs/workboats will leave to collect the second barge and the process will be repeated. Once both barges have been grounded and flooded and the initial monitoring and ground mooring removal has been completed, monitoring will continue over a period of six months from an onshore location using land surveying techniques.
Programme of works	Day 1 - Ground moorings installed ready to hold barges in position. Day 2-3 - Position barge 1 on ground moorings at high tide. Once tide recedes, flood ports will be opened on the barge and once the following high tide commences, the barge will be monitored to assess flooding and any movement. Day 4-5 - Position barge 2 on ground moorings at high tide. Once tide recedes, flood ports will be opened on the barge and once the following high tide commences, the barge will be monitored to assess flooding and any movement. Day 6 - Removal of ground moorings Day 7 - Workboats exit the site location and monitoring continues onshore
Activity 1.3 - Removal of Ground Moorings	
Activity type	Other removals
Activity location	Holbeach Target Replacement Site, The Wash at 52 52' 00" north and long 00 11' 25" east. See coordinates in

	Schedule 1 for exact site location and Schedule 2 for exact ground mooring positions.
Description	Three 1 tonne Stevin high holding power anchors (ground moorings) will be removed from the project location following the grounding of the barges.
Methodology	After the barges have been grounded and flooded and the initial monitoring has been completed, the lines to the ground moorings will be disconnected from the barges and reconnected to the pennant buoys. They will then be lifted using workboats and removed from the seabed.
Programme of works	Activities will take a maximum of one day to complete.

5 Licence conditions

5.1 General conditions

5.1.1 Notification of commencement

The MMO, including the local office in Section 2.2, must be notified prior to the commencement of the first instance of any licensed activity. This notice must be received by the MMO **no less than five working days before the commencement of that licensed activity**.

5.1.2 Licence conditions binding other parties

Where provisions under section 71(5) of the 2009 Act apply, all conditions attached to this licence apply to any person who for the time being owns, occupies or enjoys any use of the licensed activities for which this licence has been granted.

5.1.3 Agents / contractors / sub-contractors

The MMO must be notified in writing of any agents, contractors or sub-contractors that will carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence on behalf of the licence holder. Such notification must be received by the MMO **no less than 24 hours before the commencement of the licensed activity**.

A copy of this licence and any subsequent revisions or amendments must be provided to, read and understood by any agents, contractors or sub-contractors that will carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence on behalf of the licence holder.

5.1.4 Vessels

The MMO must be notified in writing of any vessel being used to carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence on behalf of the licence holder. Such notification must be received by the MMO **no less than 24 hours before the commencement of the licensed activity**. Notification must include the master's name, vessel type, vessel IMO number and vessel owner or operating company.

A copy of this licence and any subsequent revisions or amendments must be read and understood by the masters of any vessel being used to carry on any licensed activity listed in section 4 of this licence, and that a copy of this licence must be held on board any such vessel.

5.1.5 Changes to this licence

Should any of the information on which the granting of this licence was based changed or is likely to change, the MMO must be notified at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may render this licence invalid and may lead to enforcement action.

5.2 Project specific conditions

This section sets out project specific conditions relating to the licensed activities as set out in section 4 of this licence.

Pre-Works	
5.2.1	Local mariners and fishermen's organisations must be made fully aware of the activity through a local Notice to Mariners. This must be issued at least five days before the commencement of the licensed activities. The Boston Harbour Authority must also be notified of the licensed activities and programme of activities prior to the commencement of the licensed activities. The MMO must be sent a copy of the notifications within 24 hours of issue. Reason: <i>To minimise interference with other users of the sea and inform them of dredging operations and to ensure other vessels in the vicinity can safely plan and conduct their passage.</i>
During Works	
5.2.2	Bunding and/or storage facilities must be installed to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils, and chemicals associated with plant, refuelling and construction equipment, into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of no less than 110% of the container's storage capacity. Reason: <i>To minimise the risk of marine pollution incidents.</i>
5.2.3	Any oil, fuel or chemical spill within the marine environment must be reported to the MMO Marine Pollution Response Team within 12 hours. Within office hours: 0300 200 2024. Outside office hours: 07770 977 825.

At all times if other numbers are unavailable: 0345 051 8486.
dispersants@marinemanagement.org.uk

Reason:

To ensure that any spills are appropriately recorded and managed to minimise the risk to sensitive receptors and the marine environment.

Post-Works

5.2.4	The Local MMO Office in Section 2.2 must be notified upon completion of the licensed activities. This notice must be received by the MMO no more than five working days after the completion of the licensed activities. Reason: <i>To ensure the MMO are aware of the completion of works.</i>
5.2.5	All equipment, temporary structures, waste and/or debris associated with the licensed activities must be removed within five days of the completion of Activity 2 listed in Section 4. Reason: <i>To minimise impacts to the marine environment and other users of the sea/seabed.</i>

6 Compliance and enforcement

This licence and its terms and conditions are issued under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

Any breach of the licence terms and conditions may lead to enforcement action being taken. This can include variation, revocation or suspension of the licence, the issuing of an enforcement notice, or criminal proceedings, which may carry a maximum penalty of an unlimited fine and / or a term of imprisonment of up to two years.

Your attention is drawn to Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, in particular sections 65, 85 and 89 which set out offences, and also to sections 86, 87 and 109 which concern defences. The MMO's Compliance and Enforcement Strategy can be found on our website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/compliance-and-enforcement-strategy>).