

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO 01 OF 2025

LT14 WESTERN ISLES HVDC LANDFALL NEARSHORE GI

Issue date: 10/12/25

Mariners are advised that from **10th December 2025** the Fugro vessel “**Aran 250**” has paused **activities** around the Nearshore Geotechnical Boreholes Campaign conducted from the jack up barge (JUB). The works have been conducted on behalf of Scottish C Southern Electricity.

Networks Transmission (SSENT). **The JUB will be alongside in Arnish until 1st January, 2026**, when one more borehole will be drilled before moving to Dundonnell.

Daily crew transfers from Stornoway and Ullapool to the Aran 250 using a 12.5m CTV “Vigilant” may be less frequent during this time.

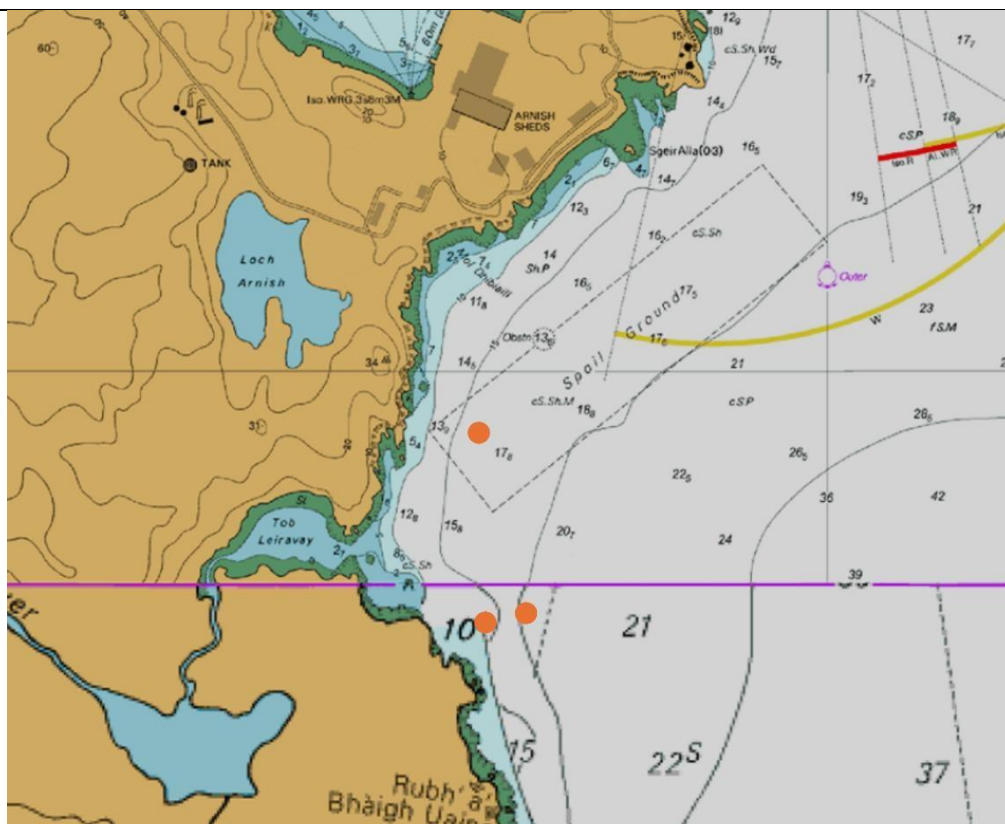
Towing of the jack-up to/from the work site at the start and end of project and subsequent moves between locations on-site. This will be conducted using the vessel, Leanne P.

This phase of these works requires a Jack Up Barge (JUB) **Aran 250** to be positioned for borehole sampling in the landfall(s) located at Arnish Point and Dundonnell within Little Loch Broom.

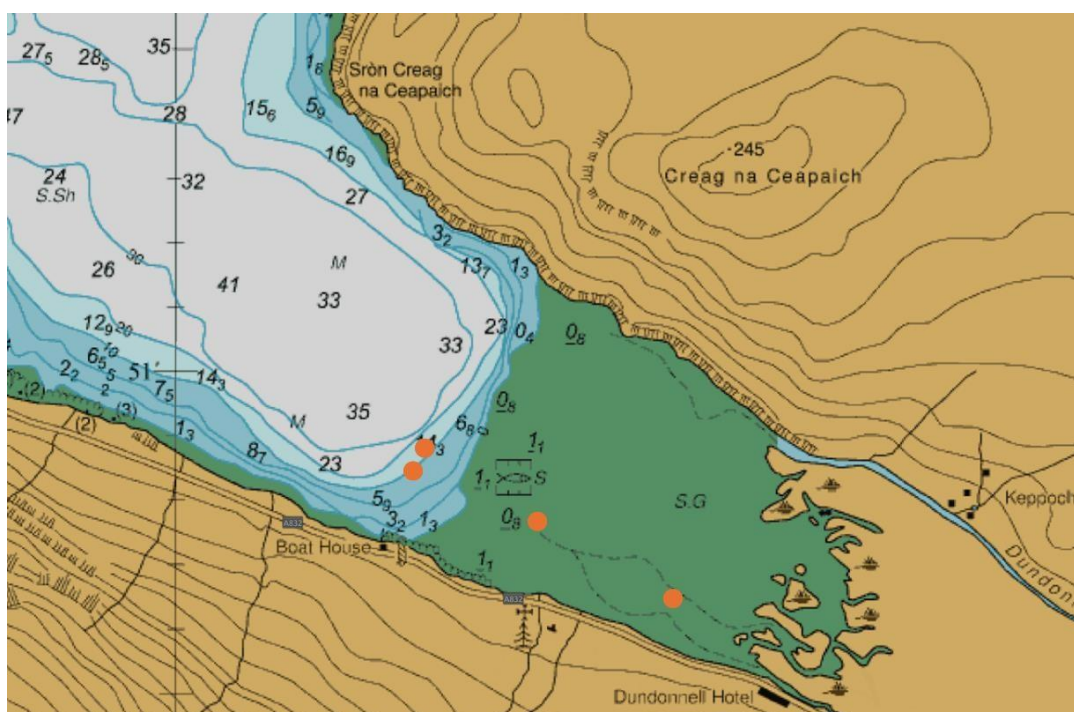
A 200m exclusion zone will be enforced around the JUB at all times when works resume on 1 January. Vessels are to take caution when navigating in this area and pass well clear of the JUB.

Programmed works will commence at Arnish from 1st January 2026.

	WGS 84 UTM zone 30N		WGS84	WGS84
	Easting [m]	Northing [m]	Latitude	Longitude
Arnish Point				
LT14-AP-BH01	301381	6453977	58° 10.934' N	006° 22.695' W
LT14-AP-BH02	301377	6453607	58° 10.735' N	006° 22.68' W
LT14-AP-BH03	301456	6453622	58° 10.745' N	006° 22.6' W
Dundonnell				
LT14-Dd-BH01	367872	6413529	57° 50.647' N	005° 13.554' W
LT14-Dd-BH02	367492	6413766	57° 50.768' N	005° 13.946' W
LT14-Dd-BH03	367135	6413915	57° 50.842' N	005° 14.311' W
LT14-Dd-BH04	367177	6413983	57° 50.879' N	005° 14.271' W



1: Arnish Point borehole locations (orange dots)



2: Dundonnell borehole locations (orange dots)



General Information

Name	Aran 250
Flag	United Kingdom
Call Sign	2DXZ7
MMSI	235082912
Class	Offshore Self Elevating Unit Coastal
Dimensions	
Length	27m
Beam	17.1m
Draught (loaded)	1.2m
Gross Tonnage	275 t
Communication	
Master	Joshua Sandy
Vessel Phone	+44 7805 733 954
Email:	j.sandy@fugro.com



General Information

Name	Leanne P
Flag	Netherlands
Call Sign	2HMX9
MMSI	235104964
Class	Bureau Veritas 1, hull and machinery, special service/ multipurpose ship, unrestricted area
Dimensions	
Length	23.95m
Beam	9.45m
Draught	2.1m
Gross Tonnage	102t
Communication	
Master	Tim Helmer
Vessel Phone	07795 403 549
Email:	leannep@gssplant.co.uk

	General Information	
	Name	Vigilant
	Flag	United Kingdom
	Call Sign	MKWL9
	Class	MCA Category 2 - 60NM Offshore day C Night Load Line exemption certificate
	Dimensions	
	Length	12.5m
	Beam	3.5m
	Draught (loaded)	0.8m
	Gross Tonnage	8.4t
	Communication	
	Master	James McGullivray
	Vessel Phone	+447940253859
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The vessels will be conducting 24 hr working, working Day C Night shifts, a 12 -hour basis per shift.

(Potential to change due to environmental conditions)

- Day Shift - 0700hrs to 1900hrs
- Night Shift - 1900hrs to 0700hrs

Important Information: (when works resume on 1st January, 2026)

Geotechnical operations at the site are expected to be carried out from the Jack Up Barge (JUB), Aran 250 and will be operational 24hrs a day, unless stood down by weather conditions.

JUB crew will not be living on board and the Vigilant RHIB will be operational between Stornoway for the Arnish Point scope, and Ullapool for the Dundonnell scope.

The JUB will also be supported by a dedicated multicat Leanne P.

The Aran 250 will be towed using the Leanne P from Kishorn to Stornoway. Once scope is complete, it will then be towed again from Stornoway to Dundonnell.

Exclusion Zones

When Aran 250 is jacked to safe working height it requires a 200m exclusion zone for all other marine traffic wherever possible. Should it be necessary for a vessel to make a planned entry into the exclusion zone vessels are requested to contact the Barge Master.

When Aran 250 is in the water or under tow, it requires a 200m exclusion zone wherever possible and a speed reduction for all vessels who wish to pass it to minimise wake and wash.

The jack-up barge will be lit to and display **RED_WHITE_RED** lighting and shapes to indicate that it is a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.

Expected transfer Distance: 2.5Nm (Arnish to Stornoway) 18Nm (Dundonnell to Ullapool)

Transfer Duration: 15 minutes (Arnish) 30 Minutes (Dundonnell)

A continuous listening watch will be conducted on VHF Channel 14.

For any questions or queries regarding the above project please contact:

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The Mariners are advised to exercise caution and follow any additional instructions provided. Please be advised that this Notice to Mariners should be treated as official notice of the nature, duration and location of the works which are scheduled to take place. During the period of this notice, failure to remove equipment or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard to the operations described may be considered a breach of the Convention on International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1G72 and/or the Merchant Shipping Act 1GG5 (a breach of which can carry criminal sanctions).