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Dear Mr Mountain,

Update on New Vessels for Islay & Little Minch. MV Isle of Islay (NB1092), MV Loch Indaal (NB1093), MV Lochmor (NB1100) and MV Claymore (NB1101)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee’s 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland* (SP Paper 417) –

<https://digitalpublications.parliament.scot/Committees/Report/NZET/2023/6/26/d7d24afd-4bca-47ac-8bdd-f745434ecde2>.

Following the Committee’s report, CMAL has agreed with Scottish Ministers/Transport Scotland that it would be most appropriate for updates to come directly from CMAL to the Committee.

It is our intention that these quarterly reports should help advise the committee on progress with the vessels and provide some detail around primary activity that has taken place across the timeframe of the report and provide an indication of the project status for all 4 vessels.

Project Status

Contract Award Date	Vessel 1: 28 March 2022 Vessel 2: 28 March 2022 Vessel 3: 31 January 2023 Vessel 4: 31 January 2023
Planned Completion Date at Shipyard	Vessel 1: October 2024 Vessel 2: February 2025 Vessel 3: June 2025 Vessel 4: September 2025
Planned in Service Dates	Vessel 1: end November 2024 Vessel 2: end March 2025 Vessel 3: end July 2025 Vessel 4: end October 2025

RAG Status			
	Last	Current	Comments
Overall Project RAG	Green	Green	
Project RAG	Green	Green	
Cost RAG	Green	Green	
Quality RAG	Green	Green	

Four CMAL site supervisors are on site at the Cemre shipyard in Türkiye. The design and construction of the four vessels; NB1092, NB1093, NB1100 and NB1101 is underway, progressing well and according to the schedule. For all construction milestone events, the classification society Lloyds Register (LR) have issued statements verifying construction of the hull is according to the appraised structural design drawings.

We can report that there are no issues with MCA and Classification Society rules and regulations regarding the design and construction of the vessels.

Names for NB1100 and NB1101 were announced on Tuesday 19 December 2023, MV Lochmor and MV Claymore, respectively.

MV Isle of Islay (NB1092)

All major blocks for NB1092 have been erected on the slipway. The construction of the hull including blocks and block joints has been surveyed structurally by CMAL and Lloyds Register, the vessel's watertightness has been achieved up until the freeboard deck. NB1092 will remain on the slipway in the new year to progress the maximum amount of internal outfitting of pipes, cables, foundations, equipment etc. The date of the launch will be advised in the new year.

The main generators were shipped onboard the vessel w/c 11 December 2023. Installation of pipes, cabling and equipment is underway.

MV Loch Indaal (NB1093)

All major blocks for NB1093 (bar the bow unit) have been erected on the slipway, the majority of the blocks have been surveyed structurally by CMAL and Lloyds Register. Installation of pipes and cable routes is underway. The main generators have been delivered to the shipyard.



MV Lochmor (NB1100)

NB1100 is at the early stages of construction, three major blocks have been completed and surveyed and have been erected on the slipway. Nineteen blocks are at various stages of construction in the workshops. Manufacture of pipes is underway. The main generators will be delivered to the shipyard in February 2024.

MV Claymore (NB 1101)

NB1101 is at the early stages of construction, the keel was laid on 26 October 2023. Seven blocks are at various stages of construction in the workshops.

Port Enabling Works

The port enabling works contract for the new Islay vessels was awarded to George Leslie Limited in November 2023. The contract comprises works at the ferry terminals of Kennacraig, Port Askaig and Colonsay to enable the new vessels to operate effectively to/from the ports.

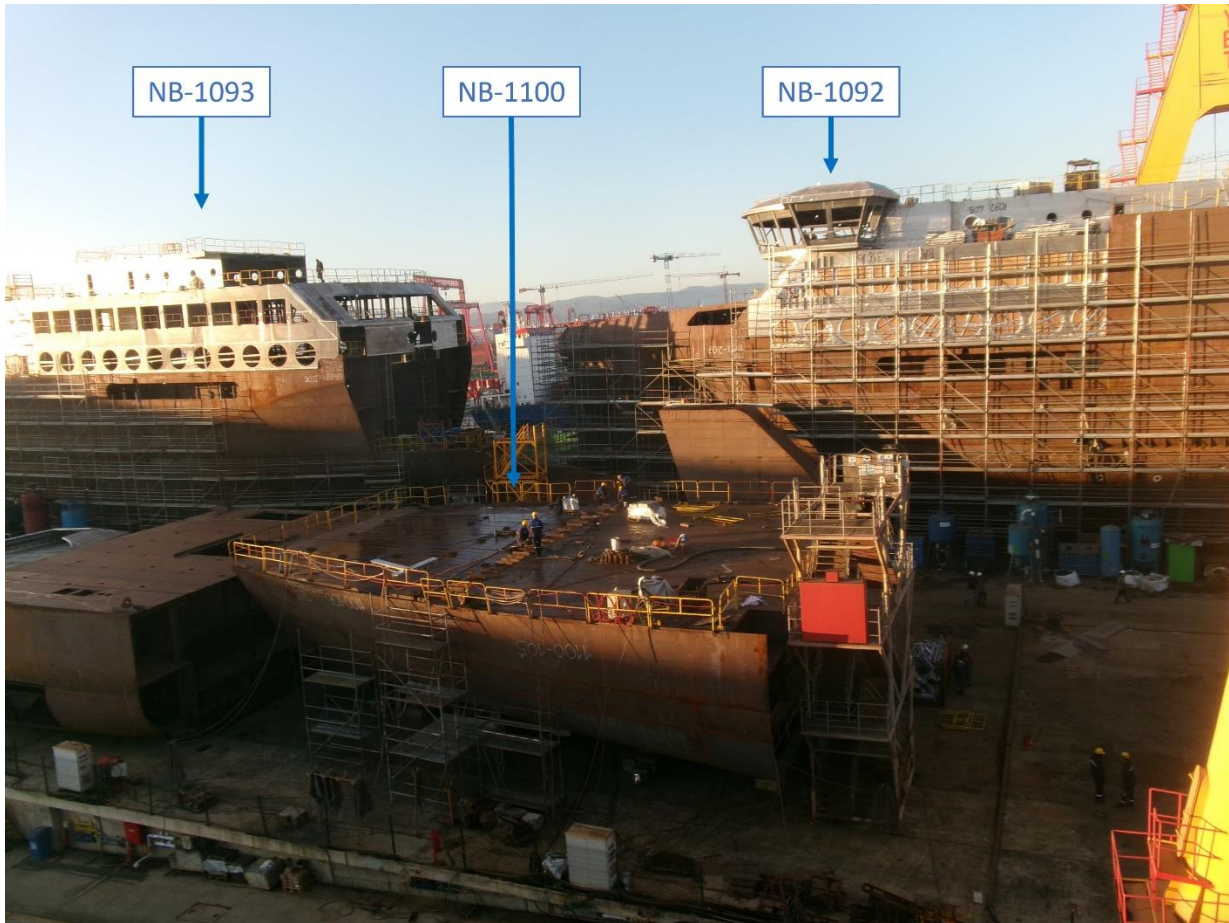
Works commenced in November 2023 at Kennacraig and are on programme to commence at Port Askaig and Colonsay in March 2024. Works at Port Askaig & Kennacraig south (main) berth are due for completion prior to the arrival of the first vessel (MV Islay of Islay) and finish at Colonsay and Kennacraig north (secondary) berth prior to the arrival of the second vessel (MV Loch Indaal).

Overall

On the basis of the information above and CMAL's regular and direct engagement with the yard, we report that all 4 vessels remain on programme and budget. As we move to the more complex phase of the build of the vessels, (outfitting, cabling, pipework, installation of equipment etc) we will continue to work closely with the yard to ensure this remains the case and address any issues as they arise.

Photographs

NB1092, NB1093 and NB1100 on the slipway.



Yours sincerely

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for and on behalf of
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