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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



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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.

MV Isle of Islay was successfully launched on Saturday 16 March 2024.

NB1093 (MV Loch Indaal), launch date will be advised early Q2 2024.

We can report that there are no issues with MCA and Classification Society rules and regulations regarding the design and construction of the vessels. MCA were on site at the shipyard w/c 11 March 2024 for surveys onboard and discussions with the shipyard, LR and CMAL.

### **MV Isle of Islay (NB1092)**

Isle of Islay was successfully launched on Saturday 16 March 2024 and is berthed at one of the outfitting quays at the Cemre Shipyard.

Installation of pipes, cabling and equipment is underway. Commissioning activities are planned to commence in Q2/2024.

### **MV Loch Indaal (NB1093)**

All major blocks for NB1093 have been erected on the slipway. The construction of the hull including blocks and block joints has been surveyed structurally by CMAL and LR. NB1093 will remain on the slipway in line with the shipyard build programme to progress the maximum amount of internal outfitting of pipes, cables, foundations, equipment etc. The launch date will be advised early Q2 2024.

The main generators were shipped onboard the vessel w/c 25 March 2024. Installation of pipes, cabling and equipment is underway.



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### **MV Lochmor (NB1100)**

Block construction and surveys is progressing well. Twenty-three blocks have been completed and surveyed. Ten major blocks have been erected on the slipway. Manufacture and installation of pipes is underway.

The main generators were delivered to the shipyard w/c 18 March 2024.

### **MV Claymore (NB 1101)**

Block construction and surveys is progressing well. Five blocks have been completed and surveyed. Manufacture and installation of pipes is underway.

### **Port Enabling Works**

The Islay Vessel Enabling Works (IVEW) is progressing as planned. The works on the south berth at Kennacraig commenced in November 2023 and have made good progress. The site set up for Port Askaig is being completed prior to Good Friday and will commence after Easter as planned. Colonsay is not due to commence until May 2024 which was planned. The only risk that has emerged is in relation to the parallel motion fenders, which are on the critical path, and they would be delayed arriving due to known shipping issues in the Red Sea – so reroute around Africa was the alternative. We have mitigated this risk by agreeing to airfreight the fenders as opposed to ship them.

### **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.



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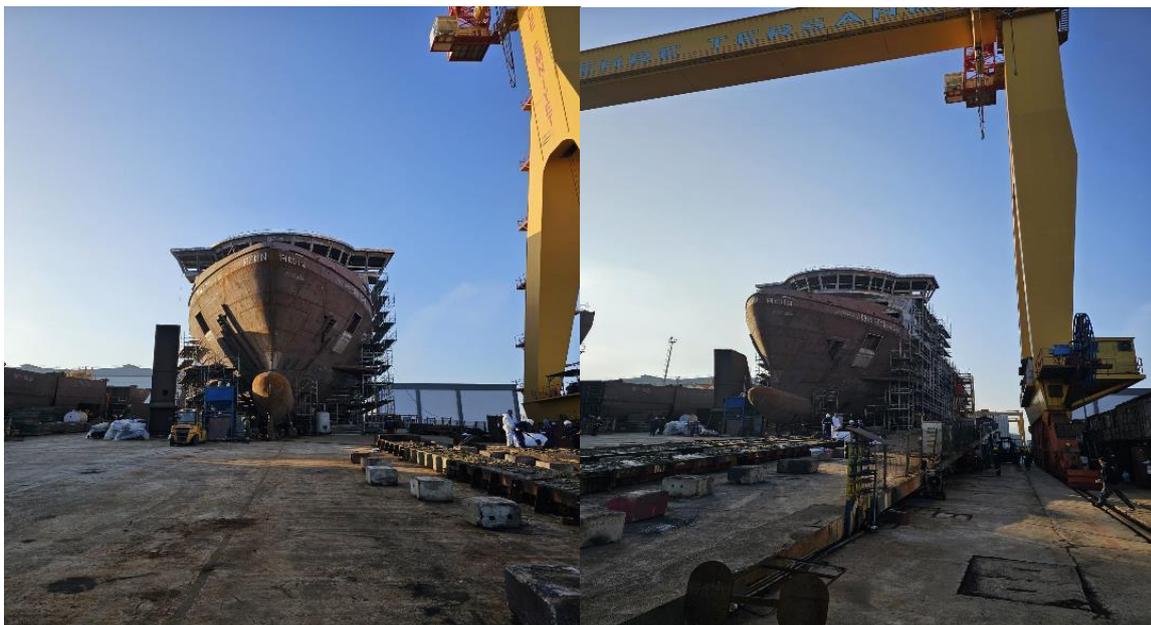
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## Photographs

Isle of Islay (NB1092) in the Water



NB 1093 on the slipway



NB1100 on the slipway (NB1092 and NB1093 in the background)



NB1101 Upper Bow Section in fabrication hall





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Yours sincerely

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