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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 NB1101 (MV Claymore)

In our interim update (30th November 2025) we advised that the shipyard were targeting to deliver MV Isle of Islay before Christmas. Unfortunately, this delivery date cannot be achieved as some compartments had not been finalised and therefore could not be signed off. As you can imagine the processes from CMAL, Class and MCA are necessarily rigorous and ultimately the MCA were unable to issue a Passenger Certificate. The shipyard and our team in Cemre will be working throughout the Christmas and New Year period – the MCA fly back to Türkiye on 5th January 2026 to carry out final inspections and certification audits.

We are fully aware that this will come as a disappointment to all concerned (especially the Island Communities) as this vessel and its sisters are desperately needed in Scotland as soon as possible to set to work for Islay and the Outer Hebrides.

MV Loch Indaal is berthed at the quay at the Cemre 1 Shipyard close to MV Isle of Islay having moved from Cemre 2 Shipyard. General outfit work is ongoing throughout the vessel. Commissioning of major equipment and systems has commenced.

MV Lochmor is berthed at the quay at the Cemre 2 Shipyard. Outfit outwork is ongoing, installation of equipment, cables, pipework, ventilation and insulation is ongoing throughout the vessel. Pre-commissioning checks are underway, commissioning of main equipment and systems will commence in Q1/2026.

NB1101 (MV Claymore) is on the slipway at the Cemre 2 Shipyard, the main hull structure is complete. Outfit outwork is ongoing, installation of equipment, cables, pipework, ventilation and insulation is progressing throughout the vessel.

The next major milestones are the delivery of the Isle of Islay (as described above) followed by the launch of the MV Claymore which is anticipated in Q1 2026.

We will give a further update once the vessel has delivered and is commencing the repositioning voyage back to Scotland from the Sea of Marmara - thereafter revert to our normal quarterly updates no later than 30 March 2026.



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I can report that costs remain on budget.

Yours sincerely

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for and on behalf of
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Photographs

MV Isle of Islay with MV Loch Indaal in the Background



MV Isle of Islay



MV Isle of Islay



MV Isle of Islay – Deck 5 Lounge Stbd



MV Isle of Islay Deck 5 Lounge Centre



MV Isle of Islay Deck 5 Lounge Fwd



MV Isle of Islay Deck 6 Restaurant



MV Isle of Islay Deck 6 Stairway to Deck 5 Lounge



MV Isle of Islay Deck 6 Restaurant Fwd



MV Isle of Islay Deck 6 Restaurant Fwd looking Aft



MV Loch Indaal



MV Loch Indaal – Engine Control Room



MV Loch Indaal – Engine Room



MV Loch Indaal – Passenger Lounge Deck 5



MV Lochmor



MV Lochmor



MV Lochmor – Pre Commissioning



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NB1101 (Claymore)



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