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APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE TO DREDGE FOR MARINE MINERALS

Please read the notes below carefully before you start to complete the form:

- [The Natural Resources Body for Wales](#) (hereafter “Natural Resources Wales”) Marine Licensing Team administers applications under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, who are the Licensing Authority.
- The completed application form and supporting information must be accompanied by a minimum of **13 copies**, we may require more on a case by case basis, depending on who we consult with. Please note we always required at least **1 hard copy** of the application and supporting information, however, where documents can be emailed or sent on CD we are happy to receive the additional copies in this format.
- Generally, the MLT aims to process all applications within 12 weeks of receiving an application. However some projects may raise matters that require a significantly longer time for consideration. This is most likely to be the case for applications to dredge marine minerals. Applicants are advised to contact the MLT as early as possible during the planning stage in order to avoid delays in determining their applications.
- These guidance notes are to help you complete the application form and provide the MLT with all the necessary information for your application to be efficiently processed.
- These guidance notes and application form should be used for applications relating to marine minerals dredging in Welsh waters (out to 12 nautical miles) only.
- Completion of all questions is compulsory for all applicants in order that the application can be fully considered. If you are unsure of how to complete any sections please contact the MLT.
- Applications must be accompanied by a chart and drawings showing the position of the proposed dredging area in relation to an identifiable coastal feature as referred to in 2(iii) below. If pipelines/cables or wrecks are located within a proposed area, applicants are advised to provide a chart showing the location of these and the exclusion zones that they propose to avoid interference with them should permission be granted.

Question 1 – Please include the name of the person who should be contacted in connection with this application. If an agent is acting for the applicant, all correspondence will be sent to the agent. Full details of joint applicants should be included (where appropriate) on an additional page which should be attached to this form.

Question 2 – Information under the following sections should be submitted in the format specified.

(iii) This section should describe the location of the area in relation to an identifiable coastal feature (i.e. x km off the coast of y town). This coastal feature should also be shown on the chart submitted under question 2(vi) below.

(vi) Co-ordinates shall be expressed in degrees and decimal minutes to 4 places of decimals by reference to the World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84 Datum).

Any changes to the information contained in this section, which an applicant may wish to make after the application has been submitted, must be notified to the MLT.

Question 3 – Full details must be provided. If the information is not available at the time of application, the MLT may require such information to be provided before determining an application. Any changes to the information contained in this section, which an applicant may wish to make after the application has been submitted, must be notified to the MLT.

Question 4 – Full details must be provided on what type of application it is. Please discuss with the MLT whether the proposed activity constitutes a variation or requires a new application.

Question 5 – This section details the requirements of the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

Question 6 – This section details the information to be submitted to support the application, where applicable. It is acceptable for a schedule of draft conditions to be incorporated within an Environmental Statement.

Question 7 – Full details of any European sites of conservation importance must be provided.

Question 8 – Full details of any other sites, such as wrecks must be provided, e.g. the area, reference number and relevant dates.

Question 9 – The application must be accompanied with the relevant fee. In the case of a variation, the MLT will notify the applicant of the level of the fee once the application has been screened.

Question 10 - All applications must be signed and dated confirming the declaration.

Further information

When preparing the application you are advised to take account of the Interim Marine Licensing Guidance Wales and the Interim Marine Aggregates Dredging Policy.

Data Protection Act 1998

The information provided will only be used in conjunction with your application. In limited circumstances, the Welsh Government may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations, the Code of Practice on Access of Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, the Welsh Government will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality, nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under that Data Protection Act 1998. We will not divulge commercially sensitive information to anyone outside Welsh Government or contracted laboratories.

1. Applicant's details (for joint applications, please specify all names, including the main point of contact – continue on a separate sheet as necessary)

Title (e.g. Mr/
Mrs/Miss/Ms)

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Details of agent (if appropriate)

Title (e.g. Mr/
Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Initials

Surname

Full postal
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Postcode

Telephone number
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Fax number (incl.
national dialling code)

Email

Mobile phone number

2. Proposed dredging area

(i) Area number

Bedwyn Sands, Area 455 and
Area 459

(ii) Area name (if applicable)

Bedwyn Sands and North Middle Ground

(iii) Location of the Area
(description)

The Severn Estuary (upper)

(iv) Co-ordinates

Latitude

Longitude

Bedwyn Sands:

51° 32.5938' N

51° 33.1392' N

51° 33.1596' N

51° 31.4274' N

51° 31.4352' N

51° 32.5938' N

2° 47.3922' W

2° 46.5366' W

2° 43.3524' W

2° 44.2500' W

2° 44.7084' W

2° 47.3922' W

Area 459:

51° 31.0000' N

51° 31.6000' N

51° 31.1460' N

51° 29.9040' N

51° 31.0000' N

2° 52.0000' W

2° 48.6000' W

2° 48.3282' W

2° 52.0000' W

2° 52.0000' W

Area 455:

51° 31.0000' N

51° 30.0300' N

51° 30.0300' N

51° 31.0000' N

51° 31.0000' N

2° 52.0000' W

2° 52.0000' W

2° 54.0000' W

2° 54.0000' W

2° 52.0000' W

(where necessary continue on a separate sheet)

(v) Size of Area (km²)

Bedwyn Sands (9.4km²) NMG (10.4km²)

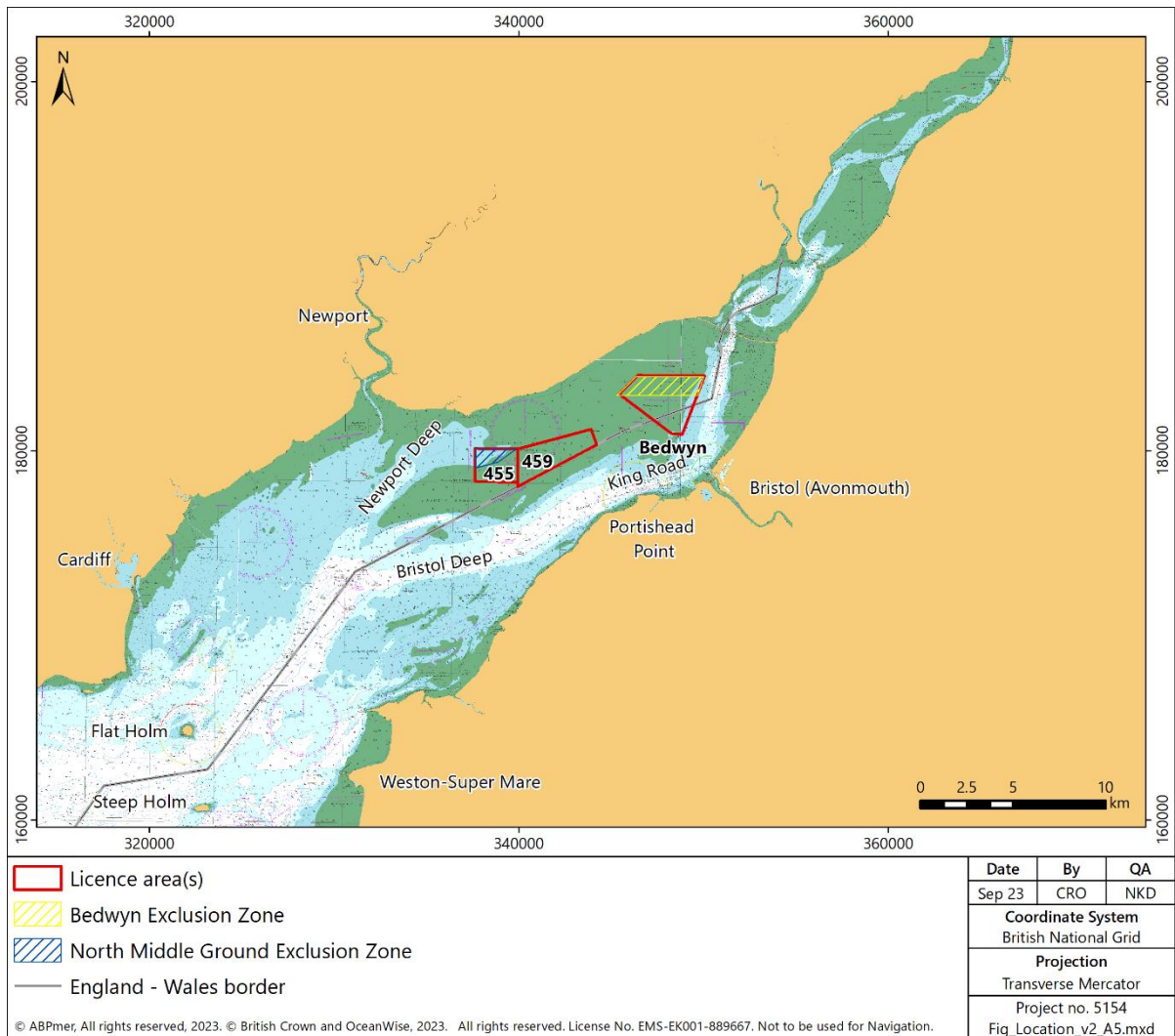
(vi) Chart showing location of Area in relation to identifiable
coastal features enclosed.....

YES

☒

NO

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The Bedwyn Sands and North Middle Ground (NMG) areas are located within the Severn Estuary. Bedwyn Sands is approximately 2.8 kilometres (km) North of Avonmouth and NMG is approximately 4km North of Portishead.

3. Details of application

(i)	Duration of marine licence.....	15 years
(ii)	Proposed maximum annual tonnage.....	250,000 tonnes in total from Bedwyn Sands with no more than 150,000 from Welsh waters, and 250,000 tonnes in total from NMG
(iii)	Proposed total amount to be extracted.....	3,750,000 tonnes from Bedwyn Sands and 3,750,000 tonnes from NMG
(iv)	Maximum depth of extraction proposed.....	0.5m
(v)	Type of mineral.....	Sand
(vi)	Extraction method (e.g. trailer or anchor dredging).....	Trailer suction hopper dredging (TSHD)

(vii) Is screening of the dredged material to be undertaken?....YES NO

4. Nature of application

(i) Is the application for:

a. New marine licence?.....YES ☒ NO ☐

b. Variation to an existing marine licence¹.....YES ☐ NO ☒

If you are applying for a variation, please give details of dates and reference numbers of existing permissions and an explanation of the proposed variation and the reasons for it. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

We are requesting a new marine licence for dredging, but there are existing NRW licences for dredging at Bedwyn Sands and North Middle Grounds which expire in May 2024 and February 2024 respectively. The new licences would be to continue dredging after these expiration dates for 15 years (until 2039). Please see previous scoping opinion documents for this licence renewal (SC2204 EIA 2017 Screening and Scoping Opinion).

(ii) Details of previous Government Views (GVs) or dredging permissions/Crown Estate Licences relating to the Area (if applicable), including reference numbers, dates and area involved.

Bedwyn Sands – existing aggregate licence MMML1516v2
NMG – existing aggregate licence MMML1605v2

Issue date of
GV or Permission.....

Bedwyn Sands – 15/7/2019
NMG – 18/1/2019

Date of The Crown
Estate Licence

Expiry date of
GV or Permission.....

Bedwyn Sands – 2/5/24
NMG – 6/2/2024

5. Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007

(i) Have you considered the works under the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 85/337/EEC – as amended) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment? If so, do you consider the works to fall within:

Annex I ☐ Annex II ☒

(ii) Have you applied for a screening or scoping opinion from the MLT under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended)?.....YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES, what is the reference?..... SC2204

(iii) Has an environmental statement/assessment been undertaken to support your application?.....YES ☒ NO ☐

¹ From 6th April 2011 previous permissions, issued under the Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (Wales) Regulations 2007 became marine licences.

6. Supporting information – If required, have you provided the following?

- (i) Environmental Statement..... YES ☒ NO ☐
- (ii) Coastal Impact Assessment..... YES ☒ NO ☐
- (iii) Schedule of draft conditions.....YES ☐ NO ☒
- (iv) Is the proposed Area within a wider Regional Environmental Assessment (REA) study area?YES ☐ NO ☒
- (v) (a) Has pre-application advice been sought as part of this application?..... YES ☒ NO ☐

- (b) If pre-application advice has been sought, please list those bodies consulted, and attach the relevant correspondence where possible.

The wider application area is split across the English/ Welsh border and as such pre-app consultation was carried out with both English and Welsh stakeholders:

- Scoping Opinion provided by NRW (SC2204).
- Scoping Opinion provided by MMO (EIA/2022/00044).

Prior to receipt of the formal scoping opinions, two regulator meetings also took place, one on 12 April 2022 with NRW and one on 9 May 2022 with the MMO and its advisors to begin early discussion on renewal options for Bedwyn Sands and NMG.

Summaries of the comments raised in the Scoping Opinions and details of the wider consultation undertaken is provided in Appendix A of the Environmental Statement (ES) attached to this application.

7. European sites of conservation importance

The consenting authorities have a duty to ensure that projects will not have significant adverse environmental impacts, particularly upon designated European sites of conservation importance, such as special areas of conservation (SAC), special protection areas (SPA), sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) or Ramsar sites and other areas listed under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). If the applicant (particularly if they have statutory powers for consenting aspects of these works) has been in consultation with the appropriate nature conservation body (Natural Resources Wales (NRW) or Natural England (NE)) it is likely to hasten processing of the licences if copies of all such correspondence are submitted with the application.

Please provide copies of correspondence with Natural Resources Wales or its legacy bodies or NE Please indicate below if no consultation has yet taken place.

All pre-application correspondence is detailed in Appendix A of the ES attached to this application.

- (i) Are any parts of the proposed application area located within 5km of, a European site of conservation importance?.....YES ☒ NO ☐

If YES, which designated site (s) does the application Area fall within?

- Severn Estuary/Môr Hafren (SAC);
- Severn Estuary SPA; and
- Severn Estuary/Môr Hafren Ramsar site.

- (iii) Please provide a description of measures proposed to avoid any impacts of European sites of conservation importance.

All mitigation measures are detailed within Section 20 of the attached ES. A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in the form of an Appropriate Assessment Signposting Document is included in Appendix C of the ES.

- (v) If the application area is not located within 5km of a European site of conservation importance, please indicate the approximate distance of the boundary of the nearest European site of conservation importance.....

8. Other features (such as wrecks)

- (i) Is any part of the application area within 5km of a wreck or an artefact of historical/archaeological interest?YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, please specify these, including a description of their nature and location.

9. Fees

The levels of fees for processing and determining the application are shown on the Natural Resources Wales website at [Add link to marine fees page](#),

Please note applications will not be processed without the relevant fee.

10. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information given in this application form and related papers is true.

WARNING: It is an offence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 under which this application is made, to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.

Signature

Date

For and on behalf of the applicant

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

Please check carefully the information you have given and that all the enclosures (including copies) have been included.

Where to submit the application

Applications for a marine licence to dredge for marine minerals must be submitted to:

Permit Receipt Centre
Natural Resources Wales
29 Newport Road
Cambria House
Cardiff

CF24 0TP

Ffôn ▪ Tel: 0300 065 3000

Ebost ▪ email: enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Applicants are reminded that this application is for permission to dredge for marine minerals under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

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Application No.		Area No.	
Area Name (if applicable)			
Date received		Date payment received	
Amount paid		File reference	