

Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Licence Holder: Mona Offshore Wind
Limited

Company Number: 13497266

Chertsey Rd
Sunbury-on-Thames
TW16 7BP

Mona Landfall Geotechnical Survey

Licence Number:
RML2516v1

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence

The main features of the marine licence are as follows.

Up to 12 geotechnical survey investigation boreholes will be taken within the Mona cable route landfall area. Boreholes will be up to 40 m deep and will have a diameter of 102 mm. The total volume of sediment collected will be 3.78 m³. All boreholes will be backfilled with either bentonite pellets or cement/bentonite powder. If backfilling with bentonite alone is unsuccessful, then a packer bladder, stopper or cement plugs will be installed. Pressurised grouting may also be used.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

Status log of this marine licence		
Description	Date	Comments
Application	18 February 2025	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	07 July 2025	Determination date
Marine licence variation	15 September 2025	Marine licence varied to include four additional backfilling methods

The Licence RML2516v1 supersedes Licence RML2516 in its entirety.

Related marine licences or applications under determination

Marine Licence or Application Number	Date	Comments
RML2444	18 September 2025	Up to 80 deep boreholes and 30 vibrocores within the Mona Array Area.
RML2508	27 June 2025	Up to 25 deep geotechnical boreholes and 750 shallow geotechnical samples within the Mona Array Area.

End of introductory note.

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1 LICENCE DETAILS

1.1 Marine Licence

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **RML2516** and duly made on **18 February 2025** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry out activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

1.2 Licence Holder

The Licence Holder is the company set out below:

Company name: Mona Offshore Wind Limited

Company number: 13497266

Address: Chertsey Rd, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP

1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	15 September 2025
Licence End Date	06 July 2026
Licence Issue Date	15 September 2025

1.4 Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

Signed:



Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licensing Team Leader

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project

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The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

Table 1 Licensed Activities

Activity 1 Boreholes	
Type of Licensed Activity	Deposit/Removal
Description	Up to 12 geotechnical survey investigation boreholes will be taken within the Mona cable route landfall area. All boreholes will be backfilled with either bentonite pellets or cement/bentonite powder. Prior to backfilling, boreholes will be flushed with a biodegradable and water based flushing medium. If backfilling with bentonite alone is unsuccessful, one of the following methods will be implemented: • Installation of a packer bladder • Installation of a stopper • Installation of cement plugs • Pressurised grouting
Material types to be removed or deposited	Removed: Silt, Stone, Rock, Gravel, Sand, and other sediment material Deposited: Bentonite pellets or cement/bentonite powder, biodegradable and water based flushing medium, packer bladder, steel/rubber stopper, cement plugs and cap, grout
Quantities/Dimensions	Boreholes will be up to 40 m deep and will have a diameter of 102 mm. The total volume of sediment collected will be 3.78 m³. Boreholes will be backfilled to 1-2m below the seabed level, with the final 1-2m being allowed to backfill naturally.

2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in Table 1 in the vicinity of the Mona Landfall Survey Area bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2 and as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix 1:

Table 2 Coordinates

Latitude	Longitude
53.29594391	-3.61323273
53.29535069	-3.60943691
53.28983273	-3.61238934
53.28980184	-3.61496649

In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

2.3 Approved Supporting Documents

Title/Description of Document	Date Submitted
RML2516v1 - Application Form 06.08.25	06 August 2025
RML2516 - M_Landfall_MLA_overview_20250117	18 February 2025
RML2516 eng-marine-inns-biosecurity-ra-and-management-plan v2.1	19 June 2025
RML2516 - Mona Landfall HRA v2.0	18 February 2025
RML2516 - Mona Landfall WFD Assessment v2.0	18 February 2025
RML2516v1 - Mona Geotechnical Nearshore Variation SID v3.0	06 August 2025
RML2516v1 - Appendix A - Inflatable Packer Specifications	06 August 2025
RML2516v1 - Appendix A - Packer Dimensions	06 August 2025

3 CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at **zone31@hmcg.gov.uk**, **zone32@hmcg.gov.uk** and **renewables@hmcg.gov.uk**.

3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

3.6 Notification of Completion

- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

- 3.6.3** The Licence Holder must inform the Licensing Authority, of the location of all completed boreholes within **10 days** of completion of the work.

3.7 Accident or Emergency

- 3.7.1** If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.
- 3.7.2** If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

3.9 Inspection of Documents

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

Vessels, Plant and Equipment

3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing

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Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

Safety

3.13 Removal of Deposited Material

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

Pollution control

3.14 Pollution Prevention

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

3.15 Spillage of Pollutants

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

Activity-specific Conditions

3.18 Reporting of Artefacts

The Licence Holder must ensure that any artefacts accidentally recovered are retained and reported through the Marine Portable Antiquities Scheme.

3.19 Sensitive Species

The Licence Holder must ensure that in the event of removal of any sensitive features designated by NRW under Schedule 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, no further removals occur at that location, or within **20 meters** of that location.

3.20 Timing Restriction

The Licence Holder must ensure that no Licensed Activities take place between **November and March inclusive**, without prior written approval from the Licensing Authority.

3.21 Implement Actions Within Biosecurity Risk Assessment

The Licence Holder must implement any actions outlined in “*RML2516 eng-marine-inns-biosecurity-ra-and-management-plan v2.1*” submitted **19 June 2025** and detailed in section 2.3 as approved by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the document must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **"Method Statement"** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be latitude and longitude decimal degree (WGS 84)
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

5 CONTACTS

Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:

Marine Licensing Team
Natural Resources Wales
Welsh Government Offices
Cathays Park
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Tel: 0300 065 3000
Email: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:

Welsh Government
Suite 3
Cedar Court
Haven's Head Business Park
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire
SA73 3LS

Tel: 03000253500
Email: MarineLicencingEnforcement@gov.wales

Appendix 1

