

Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Licence Holder: Gwynt y Mor Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Company Number: 03697015

RWE Renewables UK Ltd.
Windmill Hill Business Park
Whitehill Way
Swindon
SN5 6PB

Removal of the Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm
Meteorological Mast

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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.

Removal of the Gwynt y Mor Wind Farm meteorological mast which includes topside lattice structure removal, monopile removal, scour protection removal and a seabed survey.

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	Duly made 12/04/2021	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	05/11/2021	Determination date
Marine licence variation	06/04/2022	Marine licence varied to amend condition relating to navigational safety.

The Licence RML2109v1 supersedes Licence RML2109 in its entirety.

Related marine licences or applications under determination

Marine Licence or Application Number	Date	Comments
1152ML4	19/01/2016	Associated wind farm licence which includes the installation of inter array cables, monopile and cable sealing work, installation of scour protection, installation of structural monitoring equipment, removal and installation of buoys and the installation of cathodic protection.
1176ML5	27/01/2017	Associated licence for wind farm operations including the installation and operation of a pontoon for

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		berthing offshore wind farm operations and maintenance vessels for servicing the wind farms.
CML1452v2	25/03/2015	Ongoing maintenance of two offshore substations, an offshore service platform and four export cables connecting Gwynt y Mor Offshore Windfarm to landfall.

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 RML2109 and duly made on 12 April 2021 and authorises the Licence Holder to carry on 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: Gwynt y Mor Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Company number: 03697015

Address: RWE Renewables UK Ltd, Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB

1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	06 April 2022
Licence End Date	30 September 2025
Licence Issue Date	06 April 2022

1.4 Conditions

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

Signed:



Dr. Emmer Litt

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project

Removal of the Gwynt y Mor Windfarm Meteorological Mast

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 Topside lattice structure removal	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	Contractor will cut or unbolt the lattice structure and lift it onto the vessel either as one complete structure or in pieces for onshore disposal.
Material types to be removed or deposited	Removal: Iron/Steel Deposit: N/A
Activity 2 Removal of Monopile	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	The monopile will be cut approximately 2m below the seabed. It will most likely be cut from the inside. If so, an internal dredging or airlift tool will be used inside the monopile to excavate the substrate at the bottom to enable the cut to take place. Arisings will be placed immediately into the water. Once the cut is complete, the Jack-up vessel will lift the monopile out and stow it on the vessel for disposal onshore.
Material types to be removed or deposited	Removal: Iron/Steel Deposit: N/A
Activity 3 Scour protection removal	
Type of Licensed Activity	Removal
Description	The removal of any exposed scour protection identified during the post decommissioning.
Material types to be removed or deposited	Removal: Plastics/Synthetics

	Deposit: N/A
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2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in Table 1 bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2:

Table 2 Coordinates

Longitude	Latitude
-3.510638064	53.48207195
-3.506117478	53.48209118
-3.506085388	53.47939467
-3.510605686	53.47937544

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	Version No.
<u>Application Form</u>	07/04/2021	1
<u>Drawings – Tower and 112-I</u>	07/04/2021	1
<u>Gym Mast General Arrangement</u>	07/04/2021	1
<u>GYM LP MAR 003</u>	07/04/2021	1
<u>Proposed area of works</u>	07/04/2021	1
<u>Tower Arrangement</u>	07/04/2021	1
<u>Environmental Management Plan</u>	21/04/2021	1
<u>Vessel Routing Plan</u>	22/04/2021	1
<u>GyM Met Mast Decommissioning Updated Methods Statement</u>	28/07/2021	2

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<u>RML2109 GYMOWFL Met Mast</u> <u>Decommissioning MLA Response</u>	27/09/2021	1
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3 CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.2** 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@mcga.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.

3.7 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 Notification of UK Hydrographic Office

The Licence Holder must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the Licensed Area and the Licensed Activities **5 days** before commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.9 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 of this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

3.10 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

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

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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 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.

3.12 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.

3.13 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

3.14 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

3.15 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**.

3.16 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.

3.17 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.

3.18 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

3.19 Navigation

- 3.19.1** The Licence Holder must submit photographic evidence, length measurements, mudline measurements and structural drawings of the removed structure within 48 hours of the works being concluded for approval by the Licensing Authority.
- 3.19.2** The Licence Holder must ensure that the meteorological mast is removed to at least one metre below the seabed level.
- 3.19.3** The Licence Holder must submit an Emergency Response Cooperation Plan to the Licensing Authority for written approval at least **6 weeks** prior to commencement of the Licensed Activities. No Licensed Activities may be undertaken prior to written approval from the Licensing Authority.
- 3.19.4** The Licence Holder must ensure that any actions outlined in the documents detailed in condition 3.19.3 are implemented as approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.
- 3.19.5** Any jack up barges or jack up vessels utilised during the Licensed Activities, when jacked up, must exhibit signals in accordance with the UK Standards Marking Schedule for Offshore Installation.
- 3.19.6** If, by any reason of force majeure any obstruction is to be left on the seabed, the Licence Holder must provide full details and circumstances to the Licensing Authority, Trinity House and Maritime and Coastguard Agency within 24 hours of the incident occurring.
- 3.19.7** At no point should any part of this structure be left unmarked, without a working vessel or guard vessel being on site.

3.20 Post-work Monitoring

- 3.20.1** The Licence Holder must conduct seabed monitoring with enough resolution to inform the below on completion of Licensed Activities 1 and 2 unless otherwise approved in writing by the Licensing Authority:
 - Seabed bathymetry: full coverage bathymetry of the licenced area.

- Seabed morphodynamics: characteristics and areas of secondary scour around scour protection.
 - Any scour protection is exposed: characteristics, nature, extent and height above the seabed in relation to water depth.
- 3.20.2** The Licence Holder must submit a monitoring report to the Licensing Authority for written approval within **6 weeks** of completion of the Licensed Activities 1 and 2.
- 3.20.3** If the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.2 identifies that scour protection is exposed, the Licence Holder must provide recommendations within the monitoring report for the removal of the scour protection.
- 3.20.4** The Licence Holder must ensure that any proposed recommendations for the removal of the scour protection outlined in the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.2 are implemented as approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.
- 3.20.5** If the monitoring report detailed in 3.20.2 identifies that there is a risk to marine navigation, the Licence Holder must provide recommendations within the monitoring report to ensure the safety of navigation.
- 3.20.6** The Licence Holder must ensure that any proposed recommendations to ensure the safety of navigation outlined in the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.2 are implemented as approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.
- 3.20.7** The Licence Holder must conduct a seabed monitoring with enough resolution to inform the below during the month of **March no earlier than 2 years after completion** of the Licensed Activities 1 and 2 unless otherwise approved in writing by the Licensing Authority:
- Seabed bathymetry: full coverage bathymetry of the licenced area.
 - Seabed morphodynamics: characteristics and areas of secondary scour around scour protection.
 - Any scour protection is exposed: characteristics, nature, extent and height above the seabed in relation to water depth.
- 3.20.8** The Licence Holder must submit a monitoring report to the Licensing Authority for written approval within **6 weeks** of completion of the monitoring detailed in condition 3.20.7.
- 3.20.9** If the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.8 identifies that scour protection is exposed, the Licence Holder must provide

recommendations within the monitoring report for the removal of the scour protection.

3.20.10 The Licence Holder must ensure that any proposed recommendations for the removal of the scour protection outlined in the monitoring report detailed in condition 3.20.8 are implemented as approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

3.21 Restrictions

3.21.1 The Licence Holder must ensure that Licensed Activities are carried out in accordance with the Method Statement, dated 28 July 2021. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents must be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Licensing Authority prior to any changes being enacted.

3.21.2 The Licence Holder must ensure the agreed vessel route detailed in Appendix 2 is adhered to when conducting the Licensed Activities between **October and March** inclusive.

3.22 Biosecurity

3.22.1 The Licence Holder must submit a Biosecurity Risk Assessment to the Licensing Authority for written approval at least **6 weeks** prior to commencement of the Licensed Activities. No Licensed Activities may be undertaken prior to written approval from the Licensing Authority.

3.22.2 The Licence Holder must ensure that any actions outlined in the documents detailed in condition 3.22.1 are implemented as approved in writing by the Licensing Authority. Any proposed changes to the actions outlined in the documents 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 degrees and minutes to two decimal places
- (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
Permitting Service
29 Newport Road
Cambria House
Cardiff
CF24 0TP

Tel: 0300 065 3000
Email: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

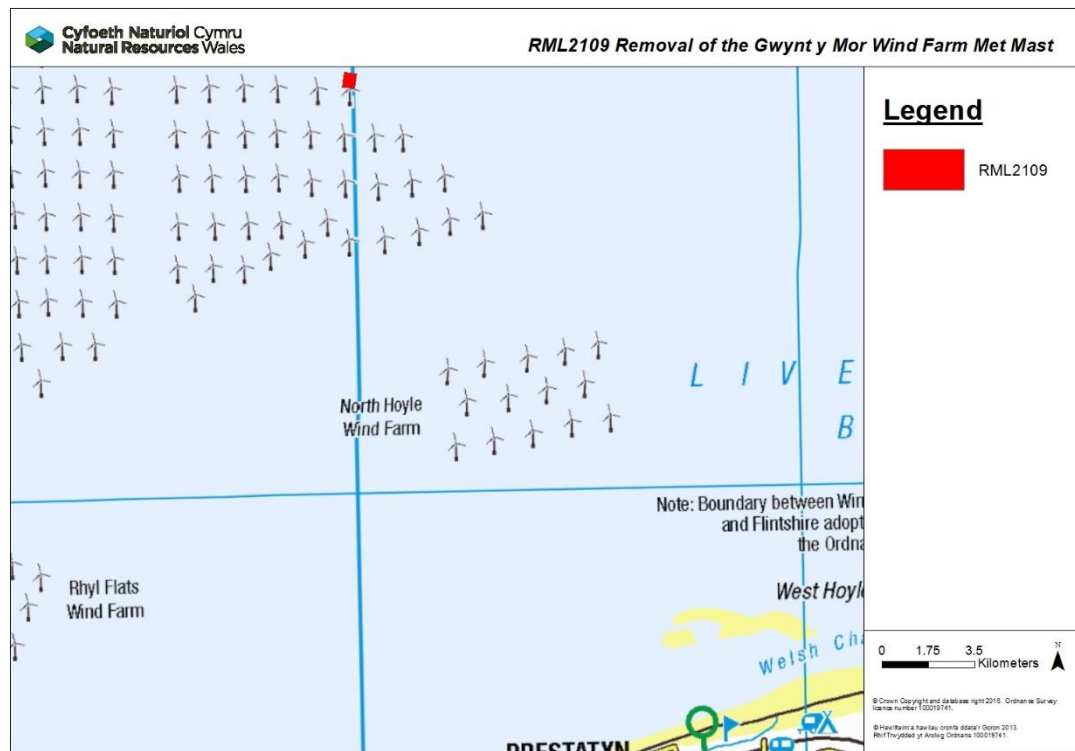
Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:

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

Tel: 03000253500
Email: wfmccmpc@gov.wales

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Appendix 1 – RML2109v1 Map of Location



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Appendix 2 – RML2109v1 Vessel Routing Plan for October through to March

