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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	

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 is at the outfitting stage and entering the commissioning phase.

MV Loch Indaal was successfully launched on Saturday 08 June 2024.

NB1100 (MV Lochmor), readiness for launch date will be advised early Q3 2024.

NB1101 (MV Claymore), slipway is being prepared for the erection of blocks.

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 10 June 2024 for surveys onboard and discussions with the shipyard, LR and CMAL.

MV Isle of Islay (NB1092)

Isle of Islay is berthed at one of the outfitting quays at the Cemre Shipyard.

Installation of pipes, cabling and equipment is underway and progressing well.

Installation of the hoistable car decks is underway.

Outfitting of accommodation areas is underway.

Commissioning activities have commenced for the auxiliary systems associated with the first run of the Main Engines/Generators.



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MV Loch Indaal (NB1093)

Loch Indaal was successfully launched on Saturday 08 June 2024 and is berthed at one of the outfitting quays at the Cemre Shipyard, alongside Isle of Islay.

Installation of pipes, cabling and equipment is underway and progressing well.

Hoistable car decks have been shipped on to the vessel.

Outfitting of accommodation areas is underway.

Commissioning activities planned to commence Q3/2024.

MV Lochmor (NB1100)

Block construction and surveys is progressing well. Twenty-nine blocks have been fabricated and surveyed. Twenty-six major blocks have been erected on the slipway.

Manufacture and installation of pipes is underway and progressing well. Cable routes are being progressed.

Readiness for launch planned for Q3/2024.

MV Claymore (NB 1101)

Block construction and surveys is progressing well. Thirteen blocks have been fabricated and surveyed with a further twelve in production.

Manufacture and installation of pipes is underway and progressing well.

Port Enabling Works

Works are ongoing at Kennacraig, Port Askaig and Colonsay, and are progressing in-line with the overall project delivery timeline.

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. MV Isle of Islay is now at the start of the complex commissioning stage.



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As we move to the more complex phase of the build of the 4 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.

Photographs of each vessel attached hereunder.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Hobbs
Chief Executive Officer

for and on behalf of
Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited

Photographs
Isle of Islay (NB1092)

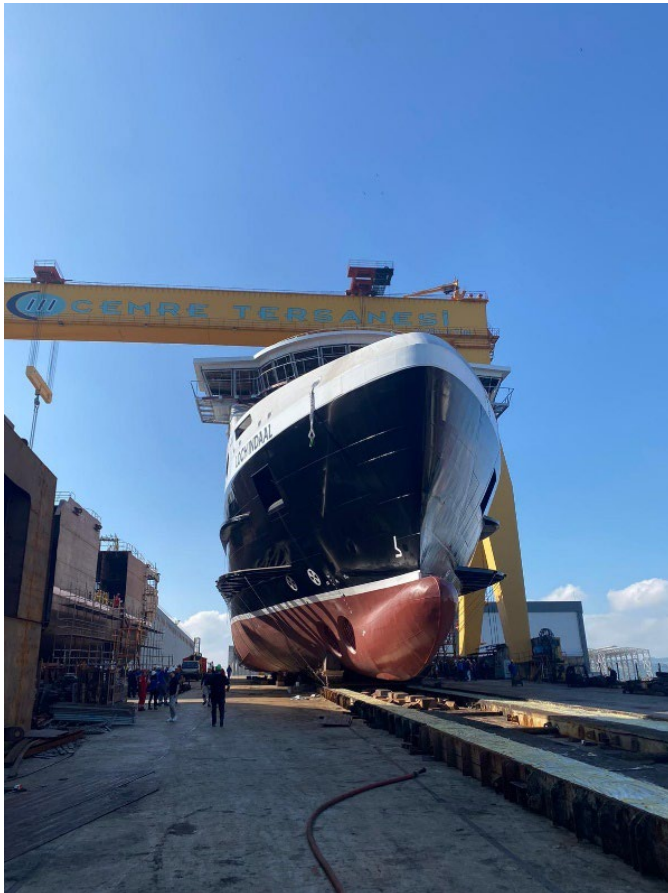


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Loch Indaal (NB 1093) on the slipway before launch



NB1100 on the slipway



NB1101 Block Construction Underway

