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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)

MV Isle of Islay

MV Isle of Islay is berthed at the quay at the shipyard. The vessel is at the most complex phase of the build, commissioning and outfitting activities are ongoing as the shipyard push towards builder's sea trials. The delivery date will be extended beyond the mid-February 2025 date advised in our 30 September 2024 update. We will provide further update to the committee on the date of the sea trials and the planned handover date of the vessel, following the successful completion and presentation of the pre-sea trials commissioning and outfitting activities to CMAL, Classification Society and MCA.

Installation of the major RoRo Equipment (Stern Ramp, 2 x Hoistable Car Decks, Bow Ramp and Bow Doors) is ongoing, setting to work of the RoRo equipment is planned to commence in January 2025. The vessel is scheduled to go to dry dock in early January 2025 for the application of the underwater hull anti-fouling coatings.

Risks and uncertainties with the timely supply of equipment and the availability of specialist contractors when required on site continues.

MV Loch Indaal

MV Loch Indaal is berthed at the quay at the shipyard. Electrical and pipework installation is well underway, outfitting is underway, pre-commissioning activities have commenced.

Hoistable car decks are on board, outfitting of the hoistable car decks is underway, the main lugs for the stern ramp lugs have been installed, installation of major components for the bow doors is in progress.



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NB1100 (MV Lochmor)

NB1100 is on the slipway at the shipyard, the main hull structure is complete, the vessel is at the early stages of outfitting, manufacture and installation of pipework on the vessel is well underway.

NB 1101 (MV Claymore)

NB1101 is on the slipway at the shipyard, the main hull structure is complete, the vessel is at the early stages of outfitting, manufacture and installation of pipework on the vessel is well underway.

Port Enabling Works

Works ongoing and nearing completion at all three sites, which is in-line with the overall project delivery timeline.

At Kennacraig the refurbished linkspan was successfully reinstalled and commissioned in June 2024, along with completion of the piling and fendering work to the south berth. Ferry operations swapped to the south berth to allow construction to move to the north berth, where piling and fendering work has now been completed. Concrete works for the new walls and permanent reprofiling of the fixed ramp on the north berth is anticipated to be complete by the end of February 2025, along with dredging. We are working with SSEN and our Shore Power equipment supplier to progress the shore power connection and infrastructure at the earliest opportunity in 2025/26 (operation of the new vessels does not rely on this).

Civil engineering works at Port Askaig are due for completion in January 2025, replacement of roundhead and main berth face fenders took place during a 6-week berth closure in June/July 2024. Installation of a mooring aid is being carried out in phases, with the foundations and bases complete, winches due for installation in mid-January 2025 and testing and commissioning during the vessel familiarisation trials period (the system requires the vessel to test and prove the operation). As with Kennacraig we are working with SSEN and our Shore Power equipment supplier to progress the shore power connection and infrastructure at the earliest opportunity in 2025/26.

Works on Colonsay are virtually complete, with strengthened piles, new fenders installed and dredging undertaken. A final dive survey to confirm completion of the works will take place in January 2025.

Projected completion date: Civils Works April 2025; SSEN power U/G before June 2026 (hopefully during 2025).

Overall

The overall costs of delivering the four vessels, including CMAL and CalMac costs, remain largely on track but a further risk allowance of around 3% is being applied for budgeting purposes until such time as final costs can be reconciled.

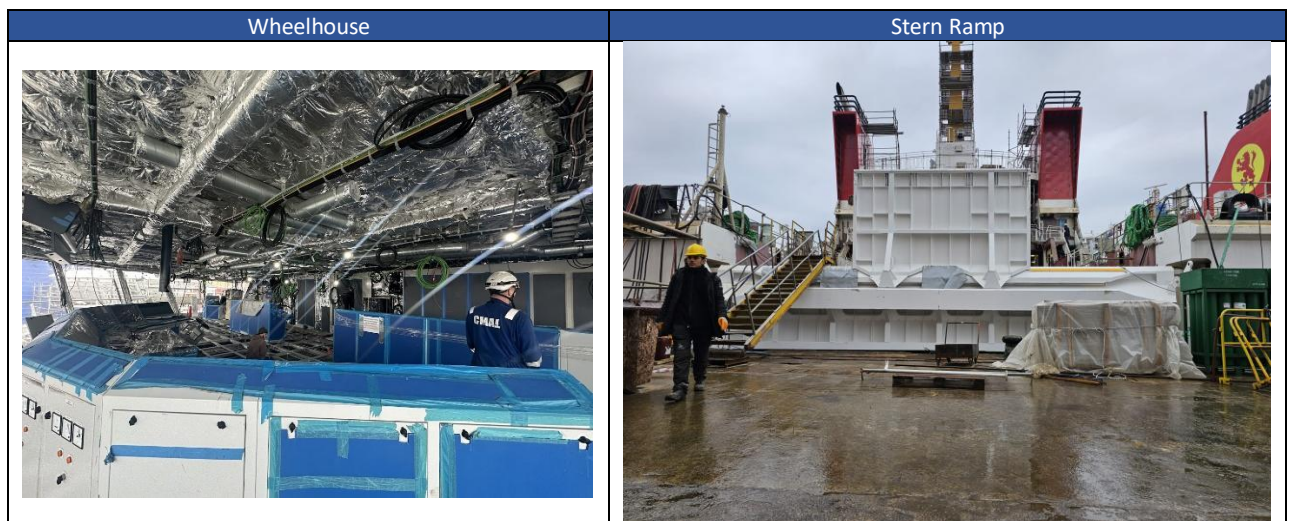
We continue to work closely with Transport Scotland and CalMac to consider the service implications of the extended delivery dates and plan accordingly for revised entry in to service dates. At present we do not envisage the delivery of the MV Isle of Islay and future vessels having a significant impact on the deployment and cascade plan.

When successful sea trials have been completed, we can update committee with the planned handover date for MV Isle of Islay. With present stage of construction for the 4 vessels, the period between delivery of each of the vessels is currently around 4 months.

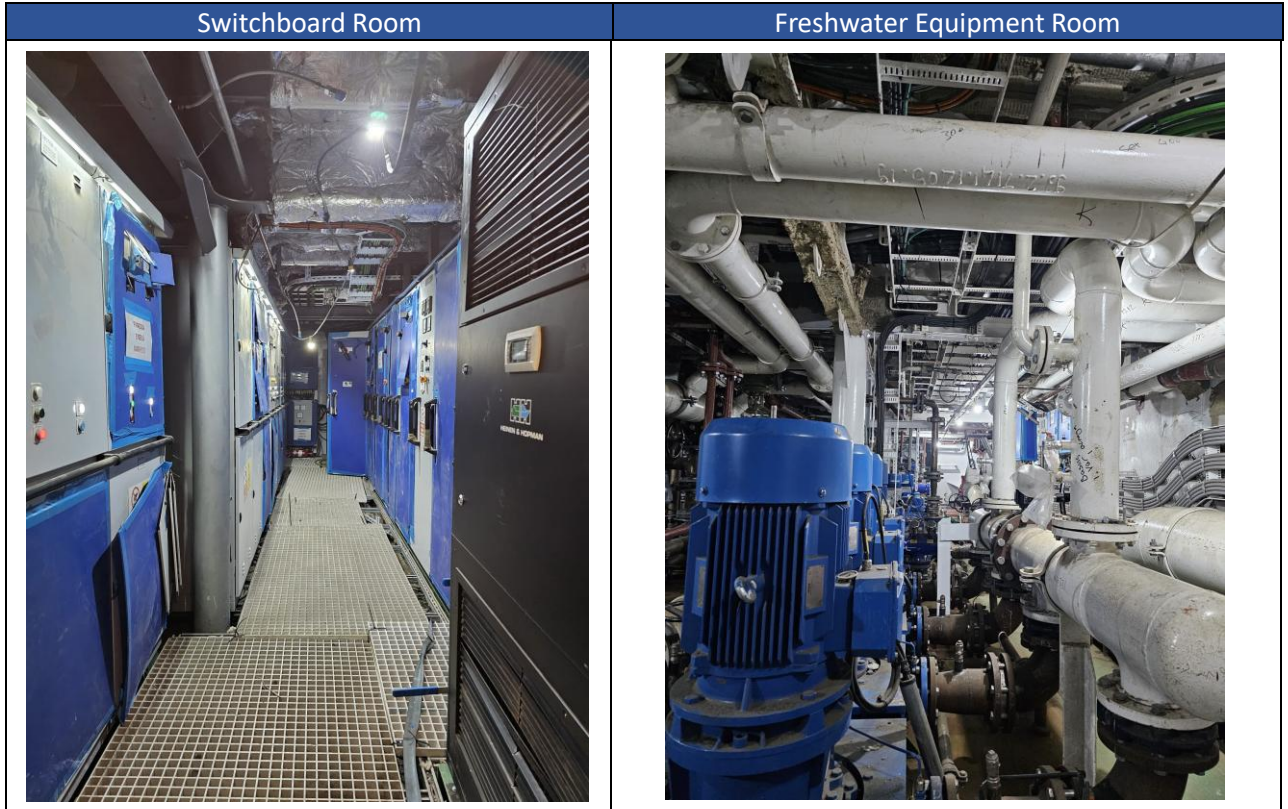
Our next update is due at the end of March 2025, as advised above, before then we will provide an update on date of sea trials for MV Isle of Islay.

Photographs

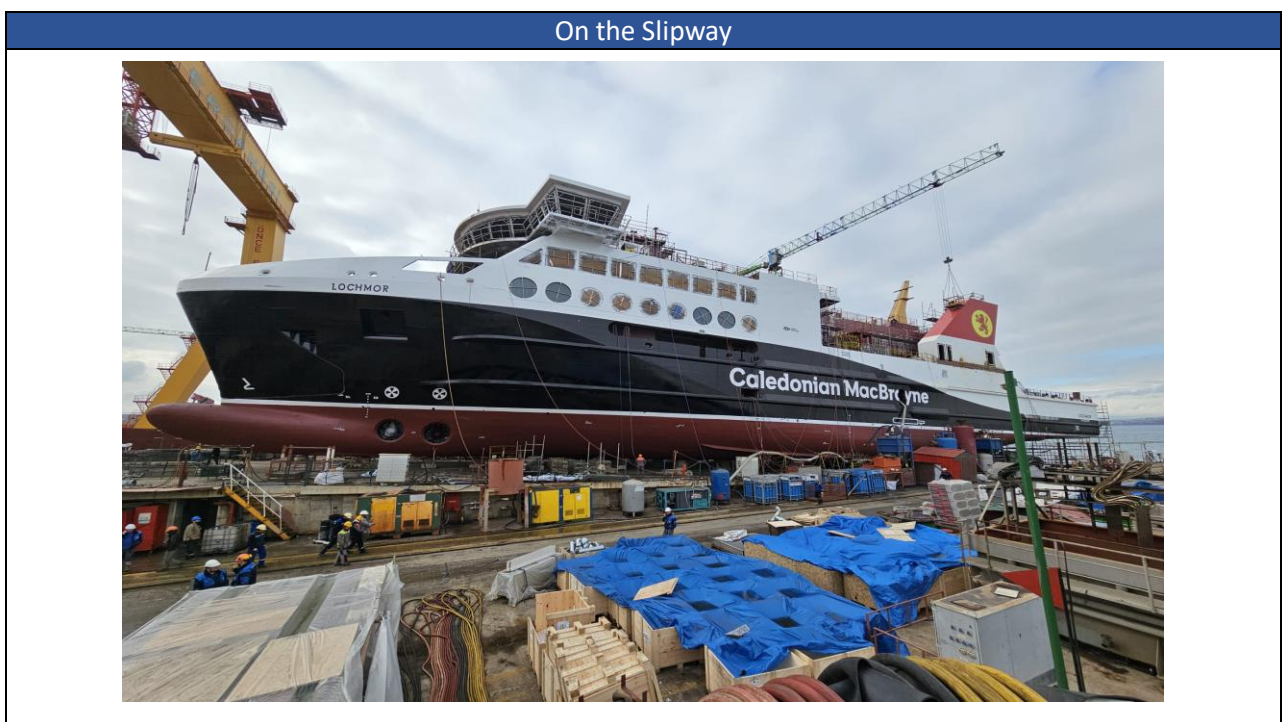
Isle of Islay (NB 1092)



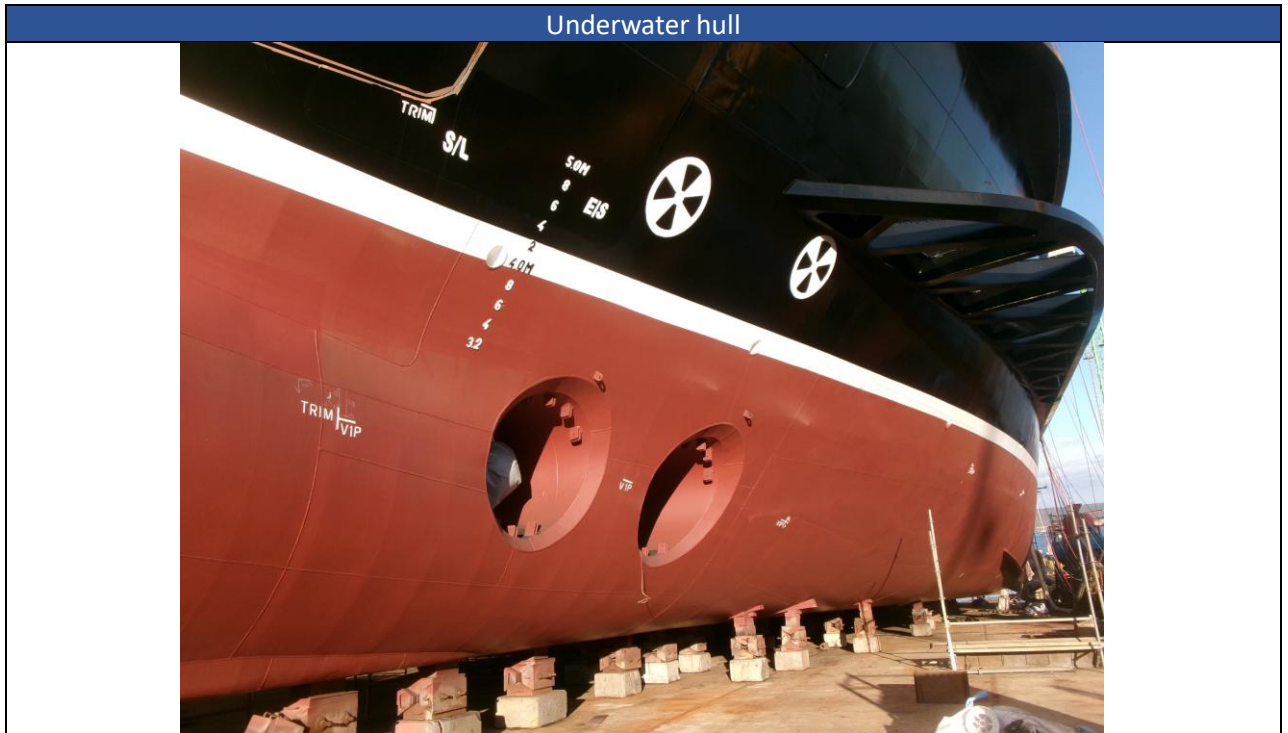
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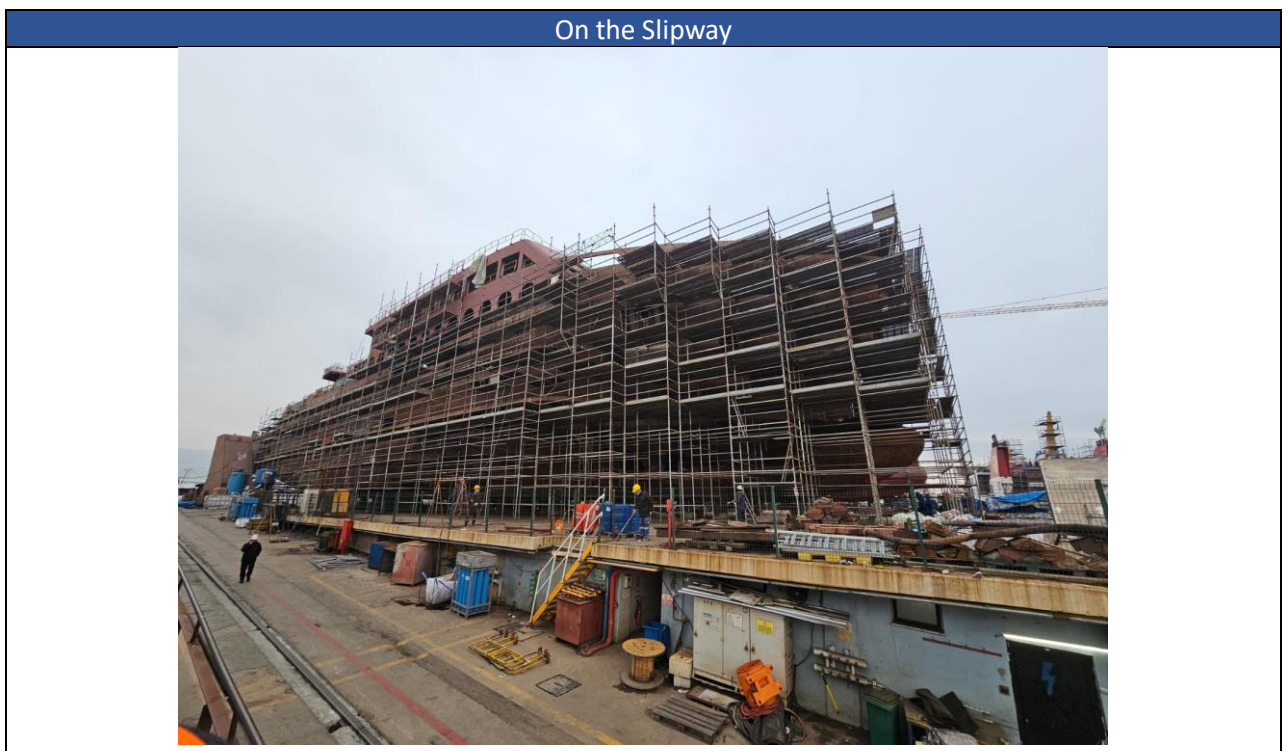
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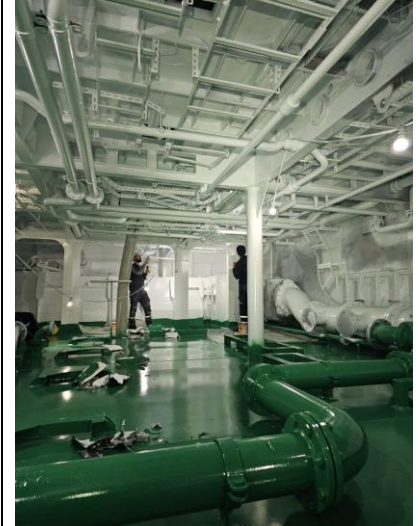
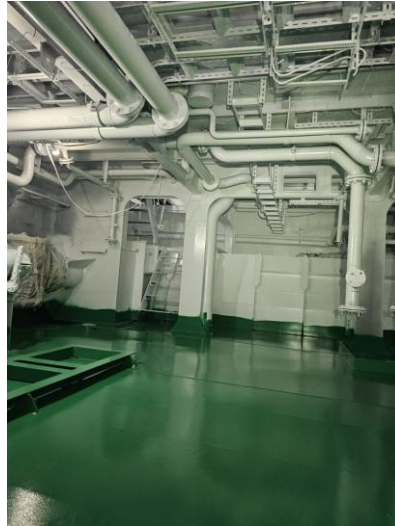


NB1101 (Claymore)



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Cooling Water Systems Room before equipment install



Port Askaig

New Fenders



Kennacraig

Linkspan Lift



Colonsay

Crane Barge - Fender Works





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Yours sincerely

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