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Dear Richard and Edward,

The interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (FMPG), John Petticrew, has provided the NZET Committee with a progress update on the delivery of MV Glen Sannox.

It is with deep disappointment that I note Mr Petticrew has advised of a further two week delay due to technical challenges identified during a trial, resulting in a projected handover date of mid-October 2024.

While I understand the significant complexity involved in the final stages of this vessel's construction and recognise the collaborative efforts of all partners to expedite the process, I have spoken the Chair of the Ferguson Marine Board to emphasise the critical importance of bringing the MV Glen Sannox into service as soon as possible so it can deliver a high quality service to our island communities.

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