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Mariners are advised that Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NnGOWL) are due to conduct a pre-lay grapnel run (PLGR) for inter-array cables within the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm site. The works are due to begin on the 17th of March, at the earliest.

The PLGR will be completed by the vessel *BB Ocean* (call sign: LFBI) using a grapnel towed from the vessel. The grapnel will be deployed to detect and remove surface debris located on the inter-array cable routes, and at the wind turbine, offshore substation topside and jack-up locations. Debris caught by the grapnel will be recovered to deck and retained on board the vessel for disposal onshore. Should fishing gear be caught, efforts will be taken to identify ownership and return. An associated Multibeam Echo Sounder survey (MBES) survey will also be carried out as part of these works.

The MBES survey works are due to begin on the 10th of March, at the earliest using the *Mainport GEO* (call sign: V7A4270) vessel. The survey works is estimated to last 4 days. Details of the *Mainport GEO* vessel can be found in Table 2.

Contact details for the *BB Ocean* vessel and the *Mainport GEO* vessel will be updated in a subsequent NtM.

Area of Operations

Mariners are advised that the *BB Ocean* and *Mainport GEO* vessels will be working within the boundaries of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm, shown in Figure 1 within the coordinates shown in Table 1.

All vessels are requested to remain at least 500 meters away from all the work vessels and static fishing gear is requested to be removed from the exclusion area shown in Figure 1 and Table 1. Vessels over 15m are also requested to have AIS turned on and detectable when in the vicinity of construction works.

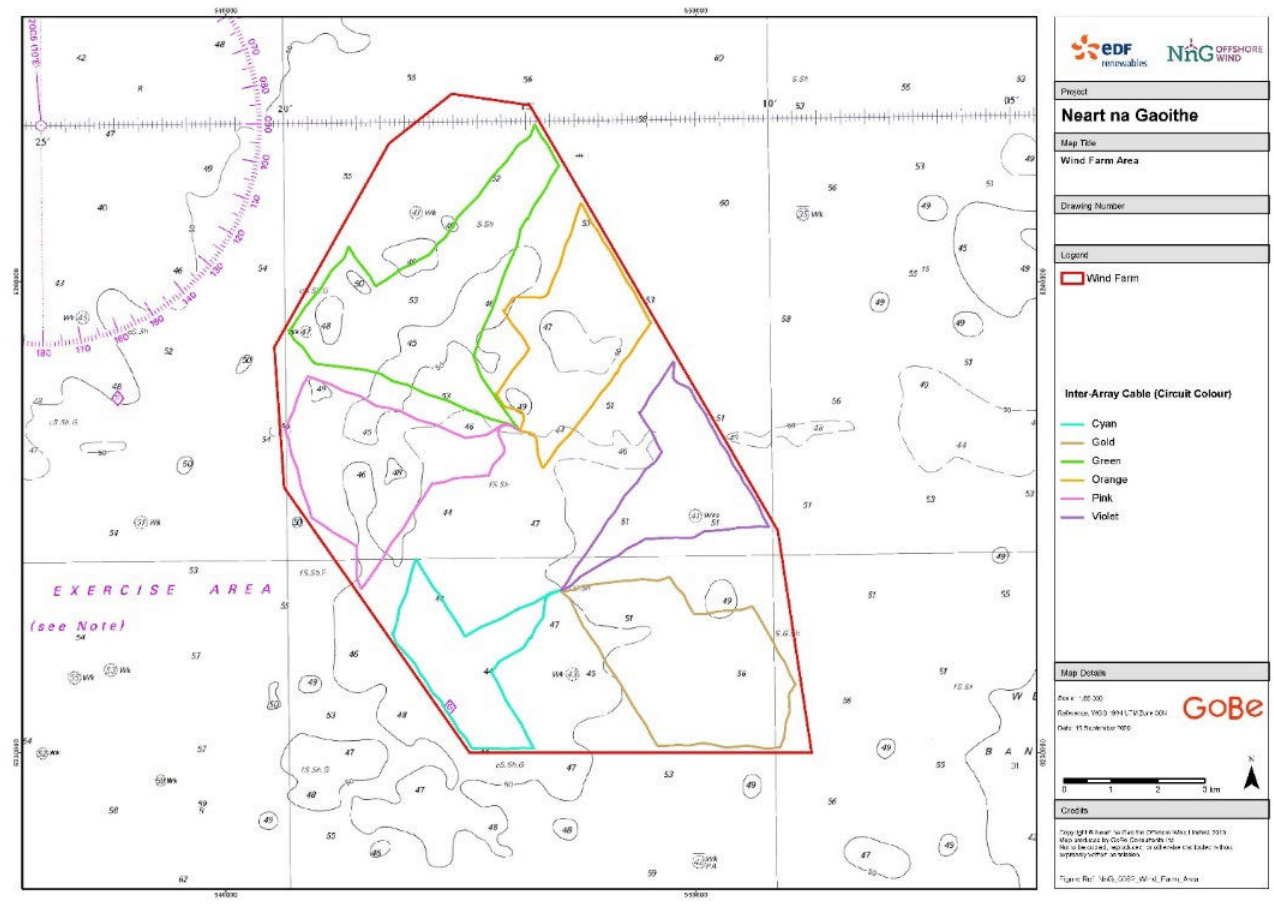


Figure 1 – Wind Farm Area – Inter-Array Cable Routes

Table 1 - Coordinates for NnG Offshore Wind Farm Area and Exclusion Area

	LONGITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)	LATITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)		LONGITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)	LATITUDE (DD.MM.MMM)
Wind Farm Lease Area	002° 09.898' W	56° 15.271' N	Exclusion to Static Gear	002° 20.566' W	56° 15.680' N
	002° 13.998' W	56° 12.752' N		002° 20.849' W	56° 17.468' N
	002° 19.628' W	56° 15.479' N		002° 18.242' W	56° 19.938' N
	002° 20.232' W	56° 17.430' N		002° 16.611' W	56° 20.613' N
	002° 16.518' W	56° 20.312' N		002° 14.363' W	56° 20.392' N
	002° 09.255' W	56° 12.721' N		002° 09.300' W	56° 15.334' N
	002° 16.293' W	56° 12.766' N		002° 08.661' W	56° 12.651' N
	002° 20.055' W	56° 15.827' N		002° 09.058' W	56° 12.405' N
	002° 17.826' W	56° 19.752' N		002° 16.505' W	56° 12.410' N
002° 14.910' W	56° 20.171' N				

Schedule

The inter-array cable PLGR is due to begin week commencing 17th March 2023 at the earliest, weather dependant. There are three planned PLGR campaigns for the inter-array cable routes, with subsequent campaigns planned between July and October 2023. It is anticipated that all PLGR will be completed by end of October 2023, weather dependant.

The inter-array cable MBES survey will begin 10th March 2023 at the earliest, weather dependant. The survey works are planned to be carried out over 4 days.

Weather permitting, constructions work will be carried out on a continuous basis; 24-hour working, seven days a week.

For updates on the progress of the works, information will be provided in the Weekly Notice of Operations available on the NnG project website: <https://nngoffshorewind.com/downloads/>.

Vessel Associated with the Activity

Table 2: Mainport GEO Vessel Details

Vessel name:	Mainport GEO
Vessel role:	Survey Vessel
Call sign:	V7A4270
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	538009069
On board contact:	Contact name: TBC Email: TBC Phone: TBC



Table 3 – BB Ocean Vessel Details

Vessel name:	BB Ocean
Vessel role:	Anchor Handling Vessel
Call sign:	LFBI
Maritime Mobile Service Identity:	258825000
On board contact:	Contact name: TBC Email: TBC Phone: TBC



Adverse weather conditions

Upon adverse weather conditions, if the construction vessels are not able to hold on position, they will seek shelter either around the Isle of May or within the Firth of Forth or return to a Port.

Port of Operation

The *BB Ocean* will mobilise from a port still to be confirmed. **The Mainport GEO will mobilise from Oostende, Belgium.**

General Safety Advice

Construction activities are ongoing within the boundaries of the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm. Mariners are advised to refer to the NnG Weekly Notice of Operations where up to date information regarding activities on site is broadcast. A copy of this notice and the Weekly Notice of Operations can also be found at <https://nngoffshorewind.com/resources/>

One guard vessel is currently within the wind farm site. The guard vessel will be one of the below, which can be contacted as follows, if required:

Table 4 - Seagull Guard Vessel

Vessel name:	Seagull
Vessel role:	Guard Vessel
Call sign:	MVBO2
On board contact:	Contact name: Vessel Master Email: seagullbf74@gmail.com Phone: +44 (0) 1261 878040 / +44 (0) 7895 919100



Table 5 - Tranquillity S Guard Vessel

Vessel name:	Tranquillity S
Vessel role:	Guard Vessel
Call sign:	MJUH9
On board contact:	Contact name: Vessel Master Email: spousekeil@yahoo.com Phone: +44 (0) 1346 454758



Marine Coordination Contact Details

The following contact can provide more information if required. Please note that specific queries can also be addressed to the relevant vessel or shore based representative.

Table 6 – Marine Coordination Contact Details

Telephone number (daytime):	+44 (0) 1890 751415 (use emergency contact only until further notice)
Emergency contact (24/7):	+44 (0) 7508 421406

Email:	nng.mc@smchse.com
Address:	NnG Offshore Wind Farm Marine Coordination Centre, Gunsgreen Basin, Eyemouth, TD14 5SD

Fisheries Liaison

Fisheries liaison associated with the activity will be co-ordinated by Natural Power. For any commercial fishery queries please contact the NnG company Fisheries Liaison Officer (CFLO) Peter Berney, telephone: +44 (0)7391 402387 or email: NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com. An Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officer (OFLO) is present on the S3000 in the wind farm area and can be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

Distribution List

A central list of recipients is maintained by the company Fisheries Liaison Officer; if you are not the appropriate recipient of these notices, or do not wish to receive the notices in the future, please contact us at NnG.FLO@naturalpower.com. A copy of this notice can also be found at <https://nngoffshorewind.com/>