

CMAL APPOINTS ENGINEER TO PROGRESS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW FERRY

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Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) has awarded a contract to Wallace Stone Consulting Engineers for design development work in advance of the introduction of a new ferry on the 'Skye Triangle' in 2018.

The work will include design development at Tarbert ferry terminal, which is owned by CMAL, and Lochmaddy ferry terminal, which is owned by Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar. An agreement is in place between CMAL and Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar, which will see CMAL manage the development and delivery of required works at Lochmaddy on the local authority's behalf.

Two 102 metre dual fuel ferries, which will be able to operate on liquefied natural gas (LNG), are currently being built by Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited (FMEL) in Port Glasgow on behalf of CMAL. One of the ferries has been earmarked for the 'Skye Triangle' route, although the final decision on the route lies with the ferry operator, Calmac.

Wallace Stone will be tasked with identifying the required harbour improvements at Lochmaddy and Tarbert, and working with CMAL and Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar to agree preferred options to take to detailed design and construction.

Among the areas to be reviewed as part of the contract are mooring arrangements, fendering, linkspan, dredging, vehicle marshalling and access roads and footpaths. The consultant will also manage and supervise ground investigation and concrete testing works.

Wallace Stone's work will begin in January 2017 and is anticipated to be completed in May 2017.

Brian Sydney, Senior Civil Engineer at CMAL said:

"The new dual-fuel ferries will require some infrastructure improvements at existing harbours. Initially, we will be investigating the full extent of the works required with a view to agreeing preferred options for the works. This will include consideration of how and when the works will be delivered in advance of the introduction of the new vessels.

"We are delighted to appoint Wallace Stone to carry out this work on behalf of CMAL and Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar."

The dual fuel ferries, currently known as Hull 801 and Hull 802, will be able to carry 127 cars or 16 HGVs or a combination of both and up to 1,000 passengers. The ferries are being designed to provide a fully flexible year-round service for Arran and the Skye Triangle routes. The first

ferry is expected to enter service in mid 2018, with the second vessel following shortly afterwards.

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1. Issued by Clark Communications on behalf of Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL). For media enquiries contact Angela Hughes 0141 548 8028 / 07970 184 198 / angela@clarkcommunications.co.uk
2. CMAL own property at piers and harbours at more than 26 locations throughout Scotland.
3. In addition to its pier and harbour facilities, CMAL owns 31 ferries and lease one further ferry. All 32 vessels are leased to CalMac Ferries Ltd for use on ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides. In addition, two ferries are currently under construction.
4. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
5. For more information about CMAL visit: www.cmassets.co.uk