

# CONSTRUCTION SET TO RESTART AT TIREE FERRY TERMINAL

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The upgrade project at Tiree Ferry Terminal is set to enter a 'soft start' construction period on 30 June as contractors return to site to commence a range of works.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), harbour authority for the south side of Gott Bay and owner of the ferry terminal, is responsible for delivering a project to repair the old pierhead. CMAL has advised its principal contractor, George Leslie Ltd (GLL) to move to the next step of the construction restart plan.

Work ceased on the infrastructure redevelopment project at Tiree Ferry Terminal on 26 March after the coronavirus lockdown came into force.

Site set-up preparations, including implementing physical distancing and handwashing / sanitising measures, began on Monday 15 June and will be complete before the soft restart commences.

GLL will install temporary facilities for pile repair works, organise and prepare materials required for the pile repairs and bring a crane on site during this phase.

CMAL is strictly adhering to the six-step restart plan agreed between the Scottish Government and the Scottish construction industry to support a gradual return to operations as the coronavirus lockdown restrictions are eased.

Working closely with CMAL, contractors have put in place robust plans for the safety of the island community and their staff. Personnel will stay in self-catering accommodation and their interactions with the local community will be minimal by avoiding other public places, arranging grocery deliveries to site, engaging with Calmac terminal staff through email and telephone only and following the appropriate guidance in the event that anyone becomes unwell during the works.

Nasir Uddin, senior civil engineer at CMAL, said:

“GLL is progressing well with the site preparation works. As they progress to the next phases of construction, health and safety remains our highest priority and we are strictly following the guidance by Scottish Government and taking all necessary precautions.”

CMAL will provide further updates as the project moves into the next step of the restart plan, subject to Scottish Government approval, in the coming weeks.