

Lochranza Ferry Terminal – dredging and fender modifications

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Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) is pleased to announce that Glasgow-based civil engineering contractor, George Leslie Limited, has been appointed to undertake improvement works at Lochranza Ferry Terminal. The contract, worth £105,000.00, was awarded after a competitive tendering process earlier this year.

The project will start late July/August 2016 and is designed to enable the safe berthing of larger, deeper draught vessels at the pier in future. The work, which will last between two and four weeks, involves dredging a berthing pocket adjacent to the pier and making modifications to two of the existing fender units.

While the work is ongoing, George Leslie Limited need to create a contractors' site compound and this will be situated within the six parking bays immediately adjacent to the reconstructed seawall, to the eastern extent of the ferry terminal. Unfortunately, members of the public will not be able to park in these bays for the duration of the construction works. The contractor would normally use the marshalling area for the site compound, but as the work is taking place during the busy summer period, this would have caused more disruption and inconvenience to ferry users than the suspension of the parking bays.

Dredged deposits will be temporarily stockpiled on the foreshore and will be loaded onto and removed by trucks in as few journeys as possible, with the material being re-used on Arran.

Ramsay Muirhead, Head of Civil Engineering, CMAL commented:

“The work we are undertaking will give greater flexibility to the number of vessels that can dock in Lochranza. We apologise for any inconvenience experienced and will keep disruption to an absolute minimum and complete the dredging as quickly as possible. “

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Notes to editors:

1. CMAL own property at piers and harbours at more than 26 locations throughout Scotland and is embarking on a programme of investment and improvements, which will create better facilities.
2. 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, three ferries are currently under construction.
3. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
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