

# **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

**NtM No 98 of 2023**

**25<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

### **FIRTH OF FORTH**

#### **Survey Operations – Outer Forth**

Mariners are advised that a marine geophysical survey is planned for the Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL4) project. The marine survey activities for EGL 4 are planned to commence early November 2023 and are expected to complete late January 2024.

Eastern Green Link 4 is a HVDC electricity transmission interconnector between Scotland and England, a joint venture between National Grid and Scottish Power Transmission (SPT).

The EGL 4 project will play a vital role in achieving the UK and Scottish governments net zero targets and significantly increase the UK's capacity for clean, green renewable power.

The marine survey works are being carried out by GEOxyz.

The area of work, pertaining to this Notice to Mariners (NtM), is illustrated in Figure 1, with the survey vessel contact details for the project found in Table 1 and 2, and Scout Vessel in table 3.

Contact details for the project Fisheries Liaison Officers are detailed at the end of the document.

The non-intrusive geophysical survey works are being carried out by GEOxyz using the following vessels:

Survey vessel: Geo Ocean V (MMSI: 253754000; Call Sign: LXGV)

Survey vessel: Geo Ocean VI (MMSI: 253816000; Call Sign: LXGY)

Scout vessel: Aurora – G (MMSI: 372488000; Call Sign: HO7586)

Vessels and their contact details are given in Table 1, 2 and 3 below.

Vessels are requested to pass at a safe speed and distance, whilst fishing vessels are requested to remain a safe distance (approximately 550m or 0.3 nautical miles) (COLREGs Rule 16 & 18) from the areas identified during marine survey operations. The aforementioned survey vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and shall deploy towed sensors during geophysical survey operations only.

The vessels will display lights and shapes as required by International Regulations, advise FTNS of all movements within the Firth of Forth and monitor VHF Channels 71 and 16.

**Status of previously published notices:**

No 10 of 2019 remains in force

Nos 07, 14 and 73 of 2021 remain in force

Nos 21, 28, 55 and 86 of 2022 remain in force


Nos 08, 09, 10, 14, 22, 25, 36, 74, 87, 89, 94 and 97 of 2023 remain in force

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**Marine Manager – Rosyth & Fife Ports**


*Table 1: Survey vessel details*

Offshore survey vessel – <b>Geo Ocean V (GEOxyz)</b>			
	Call Sign	LXGV	
	IMO	9668544	
	MMSI	253754000	

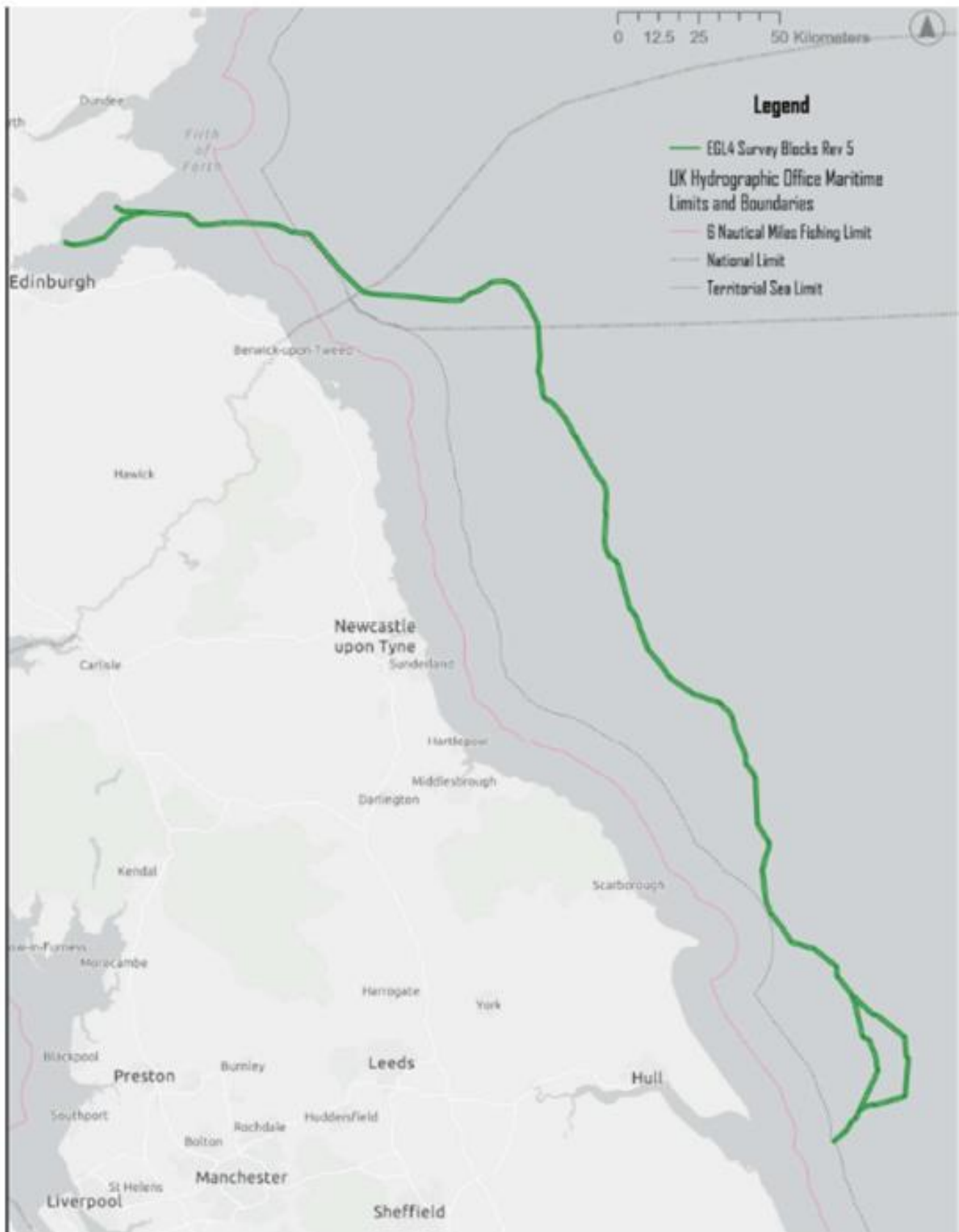
*Table 2: Survey vessel details*

Offshore survey vessel – <b>Geo Ocean VI (GEOxyz)</b>			
	Call Sign	LXGY	
	IMO	9666716	
	MMSI	253816000	

*Table 3: Scout vessel details*

Offshore survey vessel – Aurora - G (Rederij Groen)			
	Call Sign	HO7586	
	IMO	9604885	
	MMSI	372488000	

**Figure 1: Survey route overview**



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