

# Caithness Moray Project Update

In January 2017, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission's (SHE T) Caithness Moray HVDC project will start its offshore works. These works will occur in several phases. The table below sets out the works and indicative time line.

Activity	Start	End
HDD drilling at Portgordon	November 2016	April 2017
Route clearance	February 2017	February 2017
1 <sup>st</sup> phase trenching	March 2017	April 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> phase trenching	April 2017	May 2017
1 <sup>st</sup> cable lay campaign	May 2017	June 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> cable lay campaign	June 2017	July 2017
Backfill	July 2017	August 2017
Rock placement (indicative)	September 2017	November 2017

The vessels involved in these works will be laying cable, pulling equipment or supporting the operations. While towing, the lay cable and tow cable will extend up to 500m behind the vessel. All mariners are asked to stay clear of these vessels giving consideration to their restricted manoeuvrability.

Images of the type of vessel that can be expected to be carrying out the works are provided in this update. Each of the installation activities will include a survey phase which will either be undertaken by the working vessels or by an additional survey vessel.

SHE T holds three marine licences for the works and has also undertaken a European Protected Species Risk Assessment and prepared a Bio-Security Management Plan. These licences and plans help to ensure that the environment is protected and that other legitimate users of the sea are properly informed.

SHE T's installation contractor, ABB, is responsible for the issue of Notices to Mariners, which has been issued prior to the works and will be updated throughout the works. Further to this, information about the works has been provided for inclusion in The Kingfisher Bulletin and will also be posted at harbours adjacent to the works, i.e. between Macduff and Scrabster.

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**ABB Cable lay Vessel "Victoria"**



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