

# MeyGen Phase 1A – Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan: Operations

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Purpose

This Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan has been prepared by MeyGen Ltd to set out the proposed method for discharging Condition 14 & Condition 17 of the Section 36 Consent for the operation of the Development.

#### Section 36 – Condition 14:

#### **Vessel Management**

14. The Company must, no less than 3 months prior to the Commencement of the Development, submit a Vessel Management Plan, in writing, to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval, in consultation with SNH and any such

other ecological or other advisors as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. The Vessel Management Plan must include, but is not limited to, the following issues:

- a) Individual vessel details;
- b) Number of vessels:
- Whether ducted propellers will be in operation;
- How vessel management will be coordinated, particularly during construction but also during operation; and
- Location of working port(s), how often vessels will be required to transit between port(s) and the site and the routes used.

The Development must be constructed and operated in accordance with the Vessel Management Plan, and the Vessel Management Plan must, so far as is reasonably practicable, be consistent with the CMS, the EMP, the PEMP, the Operations and Maintenance Programme, and the Navigational Safety Plan.

Reason: To minimise the disturbance to seal haul outs, marine mammals and basking sharks as well as consideration of mitigation measures for cork screw injuries to seals.

## Section 36 – Condition 17:

## **Navigation**

- 17. The Company must, prior to the Commencement of the Development, submit a Navigational Safety Plan, in writing, to the Scottish Ministers for their written approval, in consultation with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Northern Lighthouse Board, the Chamber of Shipping and any other navigational advisors, or such other advisors, as may be required at the discretion of the Scottish Ministers. The Navigational Safety Plan must include, but is not limited to, the following issues:
  - (a) Navigational safety measures;
  - (b) Emergency Response and Co-ordination Plan;
  - (c) Safety zones;
  - (d) Promulgation of information to mariners;
  - (e) Buoyage;
  - (f) Anchoring areas; and
  - (g) Lighting and marking of cable landfall site(s).

The Development must be constructed and operated in accordance with the Navigational Safety Plan at all times.

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Reason: In the interests of safe navigation.

The Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan also includes elements which support the discharging of conditions listed in:

- I. Marine Licence 04577/17/1 (Array)
- II. Marine Licence 06234/17/0 (Rock bags)
- III. Marine Licence 06978/19/0 (Subsea Hub)

The purpose of this document is to ensure that the Developments marine activities are conducted in a safe manner considerate of the consent conditions and industry best practice. The document covers the operating phase of the MeyGen 6MW Phase 1A tidal array and will be reviewed every two years by the MeyGen O&M Manager.

The document will be reviewed to ensure that it provides detailed information relevant to the key activities to be undertaken through the construction, operation and decommissioning phases.

The marine works must, at all times, be operated in accordance with the approved Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan.

The Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan includes information relating to the following details:

- Ι. The site and layout of the subsea assets;
- II. The works to be conducted during operation of the MeyGen Phase 1A array and the type of vessel to be used:
- III. Vessel Management;
- IV. Navigational safety;
- ٧. Environmental Protection.

The Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan presented within this document is considered sufficient to satisfy Condition 14 & Condition 17 of the Section 36 Consent and enable the operation of the MeyGen Phase 1A array.

Details of the vessels used to carry out the licence activity will be notified to the Scottish Ministers in writing no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the works.

The Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan will be submitted to the licencing authority and consulted on by SNH and any other such ecological or other advisors as may be required as the discretion of the Scottish Ministers.

#### 1.2 **Related documents**

The Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan can be read in isolation, but it may be advantageous that the VMS is read in conjunction with the following:

- I. MeyGen Phase 1A - Emergency Response and Co-ordination Plan;
- II. MeyGen Phase 1A - Site Entry Procedure;
- III. MeyGen Phase 1A – Environmental Management Plan:
- IV. Procedure for the discharge of Consent Conditions as part of marine works related to Phase

## **MeyGen Development**

MeyGen is the owner and operator of the MeyGen tidal array located in the Inner Sound of the Pentland Firth, Figure 1. Meygen is a subsidiary of Simec Atlantis Energy.

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Figure 1 - MeyGen site location

The offshore site is located to the SW of the Island of Stroma, between Stroma and the Scottish mainland. The onshore substation, where the export power cables are landed via a 550m horizontally drilled duct, is located at Ness of Quoys. The onshore substation is shown in Figure 2, the substation is the green building on the shoreline to the right in the image.



Figure 2 – MeyGen onshore substation

## 1.4 Maintenance and Offshore Operations

The marine works planned in the next 10 years are as follows:

- Site survey:
  - o Conducted annually in Q2
- Cable stabilisation:
  - o This is a preventative activity informed by the annual site survey.

- o MeyGen expect an infrequent requirement to undertake works to stabilise the cables
- An operation is planned in 2021, no further works are currently planned after this intervention.

#### Planned turbine maintenance:

- Planned maintenance interventions for the AHH TTG is forecast for Q2 2023, future works would then occur in 2028, 2033 and 2038.
- Planned Maintenance interventions for the AOU TTG are forecast for Q2 2024, future works would then occur in 2030, 2036.
- Unplanned turbine maintenance:
  - Unplanned maintenance events are by their nature unplanned

Notification of the above planned works, and any unplanned, works would be as per the procedure outlines in Section 0

## 1.5 Site layout

The turbines and export cables are located at the positions listed in Table 1. The turbines and export cables are shown in Navigational charts as per Figure 3.

**Table 1 – Turbine locations** 

Turbine	Longitude UTM 30 WGS84	Latitude UTM 30 WGS84	Water depth (m) LAT	TTG Height (m)	Clearance above TTG (m) LAT
TTG 1 - AHH	03° 08.46158 W	58°39.60515 N	33.1	23.5	10.9
TTG 2 - AHH	03° 08.48413 W	58°39.55663 N	34.1	23.5	11.7
TTG 3 - AHH	03° 08.24738 W	58°39.57198 N	33.1	23.5	9.9
TTG 4 - AOU	03° 08.26262 W	58°39.50192 N	34.9	23.5	13.9

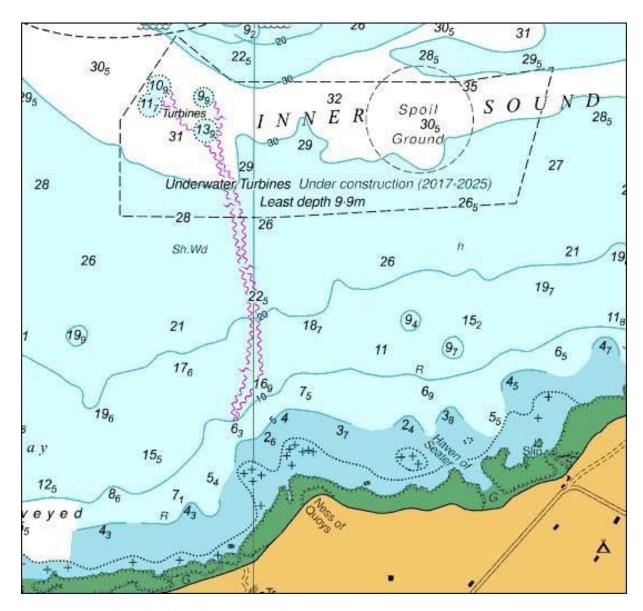


Figure 3 - Export cable and turbines shown in UKHO chart 2581

A more detailed set of site drawings is provided in Section 11

The Inner Sound of the Pentland Firth is unrestricted to marine navigation, but at times is also a work site for the recovery and installation of tidal turbine generators, site survey or cable stability works. Vessels undertaking these works conform to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

MeyGen manages site entry for vessels working at the MeyGen site in the issuance of a Site Entry Permit. The procedure for the issuance of this permit is detailed in *MEY-1A-70-PRO-001-F\_OffshoreSiteEntryProcedure* and the offshore site is shown in Figure 4. A copy of the Site Entry Permit is included in Section 10.

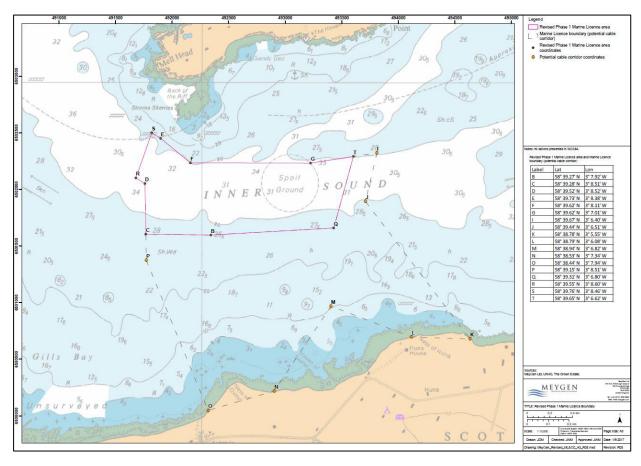


Figure 4 - MeyGen site boundary

## 1.6 Tidal flows and their prediction

MeyGen have a detailed 2D mathematical model that simulates tidal flows for a 10 minute average, Figure 5. A live feed can also be obtained from the operating turbines via an open access web page. This also provides live data from a weather station located at Ness of Quoys, 50m from the shore line, Figure 6.

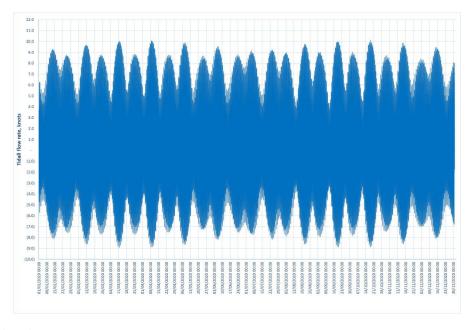
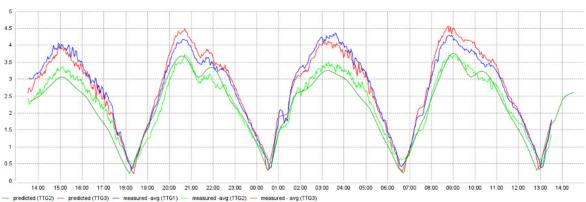


Figure 5 – Tidal prediction

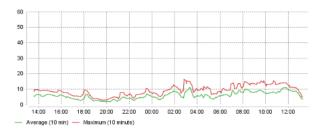
Open access site data can be obtained from the following link:

http://137.221.2.131:8888/meygen.cfm?key=ksef8lLUHF\*US>LKJSsdas8&inst=0&day

# Flow Speed



#### Wind Speed [knots]



#### Wind Direction



Figure 6 - Open access site data

## 2 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role and responsibilities related to the safe navigation of vessels at the Meygen site and between the site and the base of operations shall include:

- The MeyGen O&M Manger
- The Marine Contractor / Offshore Works Manager
- The Vessel Master

## 2.1 MeyGen O&M Manger

The MeyGen O&M Manger is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of this document to ensure it remains relevant to the phase of operation of the Development, the MeyGen tidal array.

In preparation for the execution of marine works the MeyGen O&M Manger shall:

- I. Issue the Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan and relating documentation to the Marine Contractor for submission to the vessel owners / operators;
- II. Obtain confirmation from the vessels master that the Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan have been received, the content understood, and relevant information provided to MeyGen as requested;
- IV. Report to the MSLOT as required under the Marine Licences:
  - o Marine Licence 04577/17/1 (Array)
  - o Marine Licence 06234/17/0 (Rock bags)
  - Marine Licence 06978/19/0 (Subsea Hub))

that the consent conditions have been suitably discharged.

During the execution of the works the MeyGen O&M Manger shall ensure that the works are suitably monitored to ensure that the works are undertaken in line with the Conditions listed in the Section 36 and Marine licence.

After the works the MeyGen O&M Manger shall Report to the MSLOT as required under the Marine Licences ((Marine Licence 04577/17/1 (Array), Marine Licence 06234/17/0 (Rock bags), Marine Licence 06978/19/0 (Subsea Hub)) that the consent conditions have been suitably discharged.

The MeyGen O&M Manger shall issue the Site Entry Permit to the Marine Contractor as per the requirements listed in the MeyGen Phase 1A - Site Entry Procedure.

## 2.2 Marine Contractor / Offshore works Manager

The Marine Contractor is responsible for ensuring that the Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan is issued to the Vessel master and subsequently that the requirements listed within are met.

During the works the Marine Contractor is responsible for the execution of the works presenting an ALARP risk to personnel, the MeyGen assets and environment.

The Marine Contractor shall adhere to the conditions under which the MeyGen Site Entry Permit is issued and will liaise with the MeyGen O&M Manger to adhere to and not breach any of the consent conditions listed in:

- Marine Licence 04577/17/1 (Array);
- Marine Licence 06234/17/0 (Rock bags);

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Marine Licence 06978/19/0 (Subsea Hub).

## 2.3 Vessel Master

The Vessel Master is responsible for:

- the safe navigation and operation of the vessel used to undertake the works at the MeyGen
  offshore site
- provision of the information and documents listed in the Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan
- implementation of the standard operating procedures to manage and control risks relating to environmental pollution

The Vessel Master will receive the Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan from the Marine Contractor and liaise with the MeyGen O&M Manger where appropriate to ensure that the actions of the vessel operating on the Meygen site does not breach any of the consent conditions listed in:

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- Marine Licence 04577/17/1 (Array);
- Marine Licence 06234/17/0 (Rock bags);
- Marine Licence 06978/19/0 (Subsea Hub).

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#### 3 VESSEL MANAGEMENT

## 3.1 Documents issued prior to the works

As a condition precedent the vessel shall as soon as practicable provide the following information to MeyGen:

- Class certification;
- Insurance certificates;
- CMID;
- Certification of Ballast Treatment System;
- DP FMEA.

### 3.2 Vessel markings

Any vessels operating on the MeyGen site shall be marked in accordance with the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea whilst under way, and in accordance with the UK Standard Marking Schedule for Offshore Installations if the vessel is secured to the seabed.

## 3.3 Vessel stability

Vessel undertaking heave lift operations or transiting with a MeyGen asset between the operations base and the offshore site shall document the vessels stability during the following activities, this information shall be made available for inspection by MeyGen:

- Loading / unloading of the Tidal Turbine Generator;
- Vessel transit to or from the offshore site, with Tidal Turbine Generator aboard;
- Works at site to recover or install a Tidal Turbine Generator at the offshore site.

#### 3.4 Vessel movements

Vessel shall not navigate within 500m of the coastline to the north and south of the Inner Sound Management of vessel access to the offshore site.

See Section 5.2

## 3.5 Vessel co-ordination

Marine works undertaken at the MeyGen site are normally conducted by a single vessel. If two vessels are to undertake works in parallel at the Meygen site a Sim Ops bridging document shall be provided which is acceptable to the Vessel Masters and subsequently approved by MeyGen.

#### 3.6 Vessel transits

Due to regular transits between the MeyGen site and Nigg Energy Park a series of waypoints have been provided which vessels typically use in the generation of their passage plan, Table 2 and Figure 7.

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The Vessel will submit to MeyGen a passage plan in accordance with their companies Standard Operating Procedures for the passage between:

- The operations base and the offshore site, and
- The offshore site and the operations base.

The transit up the North East coast of Scotland will pass close to the Beatrice Offshore Wind Farm and cross active fishing grounds. The vessel passage plan shall make specific reference to these risks to navigation and ensure the Officer of the Watch is made aware of their presence.

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Table 2 – Passage waypoints (Co-ordinates are in DM)

Waypoint #	Location	Lat / Long
1	Cromarty Firth	57º 49'N 003º 26'
2	Helmsdale	58º 00'N 003º 15'W
3	Beatrice WF	58º 18'N 002º 56'W
4	Wick North	58º 27'N 002º 56'W
5	MeyGen offshore site	58º 39.85 N 003º 8.5 W



Figure 7 – MeyGen passage waypoints

## 3.7 Crew transfers

Crew transfers may only be undertaken at the MeyGen offshore site with the express permission of the MeyGen O&M Manager.

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All personnel undertaking vessel transfers on the MeyGen site shall be equipped with a 275kN life jacket and a signal beacon with an integrated DCS transmitter, such as Ocean Signal Rescue ME MOB1 – EPI3100 unit.

#### 4 NAVIGATION SAFETY

## 4.1 Lights and Shapes

The vessel shall adhere to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and shall at all times display the appropriate lights and day marks.

## 4.2 AIS

The vessel shall have an Automatic Information System (AIS) which shall be operational at all times.

#### 4.3 Means of communications

The vessel shall be equipped with the following communication systems which shall be fully operational:

- VHF
- MF DSC

## 4.4 Communications plan

MeyGen and the MCGA have agreed the communicate plan shown in Figure 8.

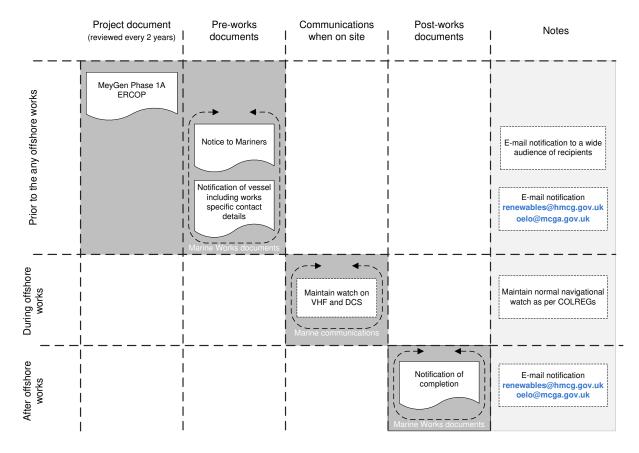


Figure 8 – MeyGen Phase 1A Communications plan

## 4.4.1 Vessel information issued precedent to the works

As a condition precedent the vessel shall as soon as practicable provide the following information:

- Vessel:
  - o Name
  - o IMO number
  - o Call sign
  - o MMIS number
  - Vessel telephone number
  - o Fuel and Lub oil aboard (m<sup>3</sup> / Te)
  - Estimated persons on board

#### 4.5 Marine notices

MeyGen shall make other marine users and agencies aware of works at the MeyGen site, Inner Sound of the Pentland Firth, by issuing a Marine Notice. This notice will be issued via e-mail a minimum of 14 days prior to the commencement of the works.

The format of this notice is provided in Section 9.1.

The prolongation list to whom this Marine Notice will be issued is included in Section 9.2.

## 4.6 Emergence Response and Co-ordination Plan

If an emergence incident should occur, the procedures detailed in the Emergence Response and Coordination Plan should be enacted.

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#### 5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

#### 5.1 Pollution prevention

#### 5.1.1 **SOPEP**

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ships (MARPOL) covers pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes, with Regulation 37 of Annex I of MARPOL requires that all ships of 400 gross tonnage (GT) or more to have an approved Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP)

As a condition precedent to the vessel entering the MeyGen site the vessel shall provide Oil Pollution Management Plan / Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan for inspection by MeyGen.

#### 5.1.2 Ballast treatment

The vessel must ensure that the risk of transferring marine non-native species to and from the MeyGen site is kept to a minimum.

As a condition precedent to the vessel entering the MeyGen site the vessel shall submit for inspection by MeyGen copies of:

- Valid certification for the ballast treatment system
- The vessels ballast log for the last 3 months.

#### 5.1.3 Garbage

All waste materials or debris arising during the works are to be removed from the site and disposed at a location approved by the /Scottish Environmental Protection Agency.

As a condition precedent to the vessel entering the MeyGen site the vessel shall submit for inspection by MeyGen copies of:

Vessel procedures for the storage and disposal of garbage

#### 5.1.4 Discharge of sewage

 Vessel procedures for the storage and disposal of human waste to be provided as a condition precedent to the works

#### 5.1.5 Environmental risk assessment

The Marine Contractor shall provide to MeyGen a copy of their Environmental Risk Assessment detailing their approach to biosecurity management and actions taken to mitigate the risks identified.

The vessel shall be provided for review and endorsement the Marine Contractors Environmental Risk assessment (ERA) and mitigation measures.

Where additional equipment and materials are listed in the ERA, e.g. Oil spill kits. The vessel shall confirm that the presence of this equipment is aboard prior to entering the MeyGen site.

## 5.2 Limits of Navigation

The vessel shall not navigate within 500m of a seal haul out location, Figure 9. It is therefore required that the vessel remain a minimum of 500m from the coastline to the north and south of the Inner Sound.

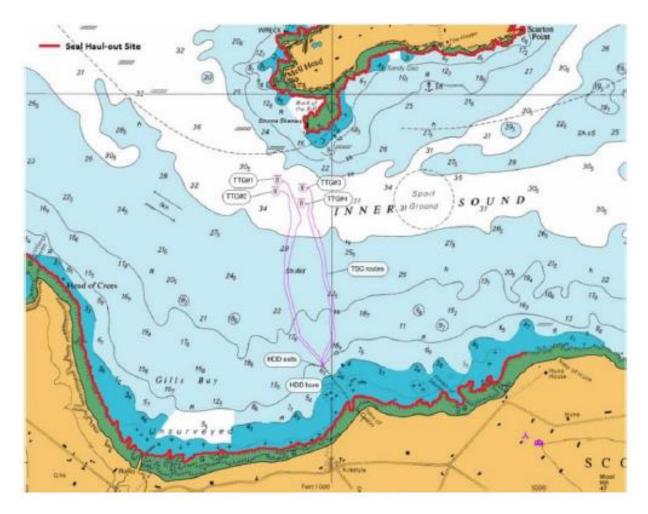


Figure 9 - Seal haul-out sites

## 5.3 Vessel movements in proximity to wildlife

The vessel master and bridge crew should familiarise themselves with:

 the Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching Code to minimise disturbance from individual encounters, and;

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• the Guide to Best Practice for Watching Marine Wildlife with specific regard to vessel movements in proximity to marine wildlife.

Both documents are included in Appendix D9

#### **6 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING**

MeyGen request that the vessel crew provide support in reporting the sighting of Marine Mammals, these include:

- Atlantic White-sided Dolphin
- Basking Shark
- Bottlenose Dolphin
- Common Dolphin
- Common Seal
- Fin Whale
- Grey Seal
- Harbour Porpoise
- Humbacked Whale
- Minkie Whale
- Northern Bottlenose Whale
- Orca / Killer Whale
- Pilot Whale
- Risso's Dolphin
- Sperm Whale
- Sunfish
- White-Beaked Dolphin

Information to aid identification is included in Appendix A

MeyGen will provide a Marine Mammal Observation reporting sheet in which any sightings can be logged. A copy of this document is also provided in Section 8.

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## 7 DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Having completed the construction and installation of Phase 1A of the MeyGen tidal array the project moved out of the construction and into the Operating phase on the 1st April 2018. The nature of the works conducted during operations has then moved away from the installation of new assets to the preventative and reactive maintenance of existing assets.

## 7.1 Recovery and installation of tidal turbines

Tidal Turbine Generator (TTG) are recovery from and installed onto the Turbine Support Structures (TSS) by means of an Offshore Construction vessel. Typical vessels used for these works are listed in Table 3.

All vessels will be equipped with VHF. MF and HF Marine Band Radios as well as satellite communications. Medical facilities will be available onboard. Normal marine channels of communication are monitored at all times.

MeyGen do not require that dedicated medical personnel are provided.

Table 3 – Offshore construction vessels employed at the MeyGen site

Vessel name	Details	Image
Viking Neptune	<ul> <li>Length: 145.6m</li> <li>Breadth: 31m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 13m</li> <li>Crane capacity 400Te</li> <li>Typical PoB: 30 to 45</li> </ul>	
Seabed Stingray	<ul> <li>Length: 120.9m</li> <li>Breadth: 23m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 6.6m</li> <li>Crane capacity 250Te</li> <li>Typical PoB: 30 to 45</li> </ul>	
North Sea Giant	<ul> <li>Length: 153.6m</li> <li>Breadth: 30m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 7.5m</li> <li>Crane capacity 400Te</li> <li>Typical PoB: 30 to 45</li> </ul>	
Normand Jarstien	<ul> <li>Length: 117.35m</li> <li>Breadth: 22m</li> <li>Max draught: 7.1m</li> <li>Crane capacity 250Te</li> <li>Typical PoB: 30 to 45</li> </ul>	
Olympic Ares	<ul> <li>Length: 115.4m</li> <li>Breadth: 22m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 7.3m</li> <li>Crane capacity 250Te</li> <li>Typical PoB: 30 to 45</li> </ul>	
Olympic Challenger	<ul> <li>Length: 105.9m</li> <li>Breadth: 21m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 6.6m</li> <li>Crane capacity 250Te</li> <li>Typical PoB: 30 to 45</li> </ul>	

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Siam Daya

Length: 120.8mBreadth: 22m

Maximum draught: 6.6mCrane capacity 250TeTypical PoB: 30 to 45



The operations undertaken to recover or install a TTG fall into one of two categories:

- 1. those which require cable handling to detach or connect the TTG from the Export cable by way of a dry mate, or;
- 2. those which do not require cable handling to detach or connect the TTG from wet mates.

All works are conducted during slack tide and are limited by the capability of the Work Class ROV aboard the vessel, typically 1.6 knots. The turbines are held onto the turbine foundation under their own weight.



Figure 10 – AHH TTG sat atop a TSS onshore, note that no ballast is on the TSS

## 7.1.1 Turbines with a dry mate

The three turbines provided by Andritz Hydro Hammerfest are equipped with a dry-mate connector and therefore require cable handling to be conducted during installation or recovery. The typical sequence of

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works is listed in Table 4 and a sequence of photos are provided in Figure 11 to Figure 16. The sequence assumes a turbine installation.

Table 4 – AHH turbine installation and recovery sequence

Slack tide	Recovery	Installation
1	Remove rock bags from the export cables.	Install a turning rock bag and inspect the turbine stab on the Turbine Support Structure
2	Recover the dry-mate connector to the deck of the vessel and between slack 2 and 3 break the connector and seal the export cable with a top hat.	Land the turbine onto the Turbine Support Structure and lay the cable tail around the turning bollard and out towards the north where the dry mate is laid to the seabed.
3	Deploy the export cable top hat back on to the seabed and reel in the cable tail towards the turbine.	Recover the export cable top hat from the seabed and between slack 3 and 4 make up the dry-mate connector.
4	Land the lift frame onto the turbine and recover the turbine to deck	Lay the dry-mate to the seabed. Land rock bags onto the dry-mate and export cable as required to ensure the cable is stable on the seabed.

Due to the capabilities of the vessels operating on Differential Position, operations to recover or install an AHH TTG are only conducted in neap tides where the peak flows do not exceed 6 knots. This limits the works to about 7 days every month.



Figure 11 – Export cable recovery



Figure 12 – Landing the export cable on deck



Figure 13 – Dry-mate connected on deck



Figure 14 – Dry-mate being handled for deployment





Figure 15 - AHH TTG ready for installation

Figure 16 – Turbine stab being landed onto the TSS

#### 7.1.2 Turbines with wet mates

The single turbine provided by Atlantis Operations UK (AOU) is equipped with wet mate connectors that are passively disconnected or connected as the turbine is recovered or installed. Where the AHH TTG require several slack tides to complete the recovery or installation process, the AOU TTG required just 30 minutes where the flow speed is less than 1.6 knots. Figure 17 shows the AOU TTTG the AR1500 being readied for installation.



Figure 17 – AOU TTG the AR1500

## 7.2 Operations base

MeyGen utilise Nigg Energy Park as a logistics base from which vessels will mobilise and return and where the TTG are returned for maintenance. The turbines are maintained in Shop1,



Figure 18 – Nigg Energy Park, Shop1 is highlighted in the red box

## 7.3 Other works

Other planned works include:

- Annual site visual survey
- Cable stabilisation activities

## 7.3.1 Annual site survey

The annual site survey is conducted over 2 to 5 days depending on the scope of work. The activity uses a small survey vessel, Table 5 and an observation ROV equipped with an HD video camera and survey package.

Table 5 – Survey vessels employed at the MeyGen site

Vessel name	Details	Image
MV Advance	<ul> <li>Length: 15m</li> <li>Breadth: 5.8m</li> <li>Maximum draught:0.75m</li> <li>Typical PoB: 4 to 6</li> </ul>	
MV Athenia	<ul> <li>Length: 18.5m</li> <li>Breadth: 6.1m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 1.25m</li> <li>Typical PoB: 4 to 6</li> </ul>	

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Figure 19 – Falcon ROV being prepared for deployment

All vessels will be equipped with VHF. MF and HF Marine Band Radios as well as satellite communications. Statutory medical equipment will be available onboard. Normal marine channels of communication are monitored at all times.

#### 7.3.2 Infrequent cable stabilisation

The export cables are laid onto the exposed bedrock. Works associated with cable stabilisation are typically focused upon the relocation and installation of 4Te rocks bags onto and up to the cables. The need for these localised stability measures are identified through the annual site inspections.

Visual assessment of the export cables incremental identifies locations where cable stability is recommended. Once a sufficient number of locations have been identified for an offshore operation to the warranted, MeyGen will issue a contract to undertake the prescribed scope. The works will be conducted in a neap tide, but the precise neap tide may be chosen by the marine contractor within an agreed window that could be 4 to 6 months in duration.

The works would be conducted from a multi-cat type vessel being supported by an observation ROV equipped with an HD video camera and survey package. Typical vessels employed in these works are listed in Table 6.

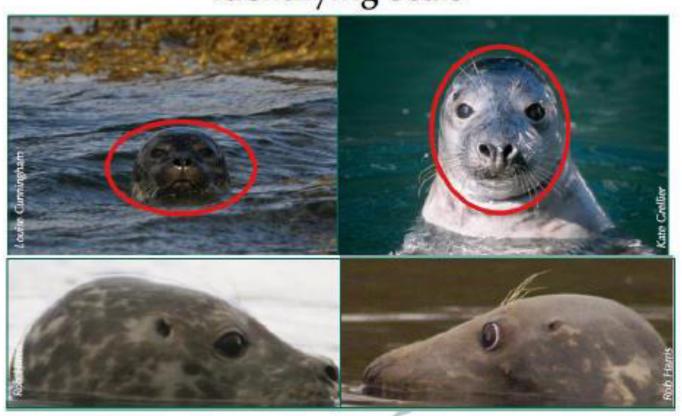
Table 6 – Works vessels employed at the MeyGen site

Vessel name	Details	Image
Isle of Jura	<ul> <li>Length: 33.2m</li> <li>Breadth: 14.5m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 4.9m</li> <li>Speed:</li> <li>Typical PoB: 8 to 12</li> </ul>	CALDIVE POTES IS STEEL WELL-STEEL
Green Isle	<ul> <li>Length: 27.7m</li> <li>Breadth: 12.45m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 2.85</li> <li>Typical PoB: 8 to 12</li> </ul>	
C-Odyssey	<ul> <li>Length: 26m</li> <li>Breadth: 10.5m</li> <li>Maximum draught: 2.5m</li> <li>Typical PoB: 8 to 12</li> </ul>	

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# **Identifying seals**



Harbour seal

Grey seal (roman nose)

# Whales & Dolphins of the Hebrides

The warm water of the North Atlantic Drift enriches the sea around the Hebrides, HWDT have recorded over 15 species of cetaceans in the area.

#### Common Dolphin (Delphinus delphis) Deilf

Description: Distinctive hour-glass pattern on sides. Keen

bow-riders & often very active at the surface.

Size: 1.7 to 2.4m

Summer visitor to coastal & offshore areas. Habitat:

Group Size: Usually 30 to 50.

#### Harbour Porpoise (Phocoena phocoena) Peileag

Description: Small size, rounded head (no beak)

& triangular dorsal fin. Seldom bow-rides.

Size: 1.4 to 1.9m

Habitat: Seen year-round in coastal areas.

Group Size: Usually 2 to 5.



Description: Robust body distinctive white markings. Short beak prominent

dorsal fin. May bow-ride.

2.5 to 2.8m

Habitat: Typically seen in open water

and in the northern Hebrides.

Group Size: Usually small groups but larger

groups are seen.

## Risso's Dolphin (Grampus griseus) Deilf-Risso

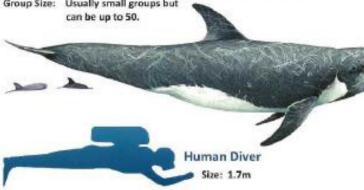
Description: Grey with white scars. Large rounded head

(no beak) & tall dorsal fin. Seldom bow-rides.

Size: 2.6 to 3.8m

Habitat: Prefers deep water but may be seen in coastal areas.

Group Size: Usually small groups but



#### Bottlenose Dolphin (Tursiops truncatus) Muc-bhiorach

Description: Large dolphin with prominent dorsal fin & distinct beak.

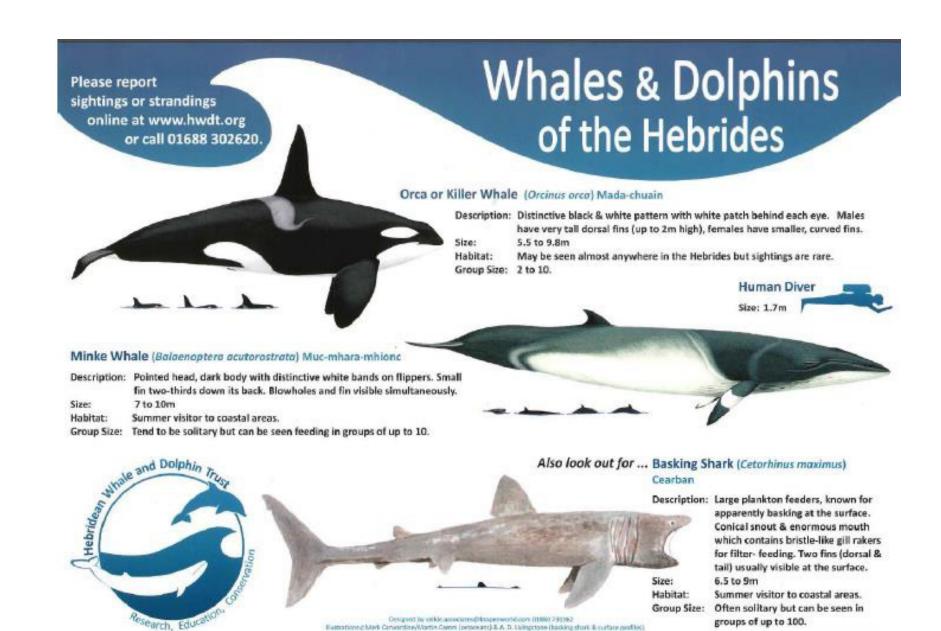
Highly active & often bow-rides.

Size: 1.9 to 3.9m

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Habitat: Seen year-round in coastal areas. Typically 3 to 10 but can be up to 30.





## MARINE MAMMAL RECORDING FORM



From	July	Year	2018
To	January	Year	2019

Marine Works Ref	Vessel name	Sighted by (Rank)	Date of sighting	Time of sighting	Position	Phase of Work	Vessel Activity Transit / on DP	Wind	Sea State	Visibility	Species	Number	Behaviour
Number- Year	Registered Name	Vessel Crew Marine Contractor Client	##/##/## (Local time)	00:00:00 (Local time)	Lat/Long	Pre-Operation Operation Decomissioning	Transit On DP	Beaufort force Direction	Glassy Slight Choppy Rough	Poor (<1km) Moderate (1- 5km) Good (>5km)	See Page 2 to 5	Adults / Juveniles	Stationary Travelling (Direction)
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#### 9 APPENDIX B: MARINE NOTICE

#### 9.1 Notice format

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## **Navigation Warning**

## Scotland - North Coast - Pentland Firth - Inner Sound

## Subsea works

## August 2020

Mariners are advised that subsea works are to be conducted at the MeyGen Tidal Array site.

These works will be conducted between 11th to 15th August, centred on position:

- 58° 39.5'North
- 003° 08.5' West

However, the vessel the Normand Cutter may be encountered anywhere within the Inner Sound.





Vessels involved in operations will be Restricted in their Ability to Manoeuvre (RAM) and will display the appropriate shapes and lights during the operations.

This Navigation Warning expires 20th August 2020

This notification may be freely distributed

## 9.2 Prolongation list

#### Appendix A – Notice to Mariners Prolongation list

Marine Coastguard: zone2@hmcg.gov.uk, Marine.ops@orkney.gov.uk

Kingfisher: kingfisher@seafish.co.uk

UKHO: navwarnings@ukho.gov.uk, sdr@ukho.gov.uk,

hdcfiles@ukho.gov.uk

Marine Scotland: ms.marinelicensing@scotland.gsi.gov.uk,

ms.marinerenewables@gov.scot;

**RYA Scotland:** admin@ryascotland.org.uk

Scottish Fishermens Federation:renewables@sff.co.uk

RNLI: longhope@rnli.org.uk, thurso@rnli.org.uk

wick@rnli.org.uk

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NLB, Navigation Department: navigation@nlb.org.uk

#### Local marine contractors:

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jason@greenmarineuk.com

keith.bichan@gmail.com

kris.bevan@northlinkferries.co.uk

malcolm.bremner@wickharbour.co.uk

kathryn@pentlandferries.co.uk

## Local ports:

harbour@orkney.gov.uk

info@holylochport.co.uk

Invergordon.Office@seletar.com

Jason.Hamilton@scrabster.co.uk

ops@scrabster.co.uk

Others included in circulation

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b mowat@yahoo.co.uk

bill.ros1@btopenworld.com

secretary@pentlandcanoeclub.org.uk

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## 10 APPENDIX A - MEYGEN SITE ENTRY PERMIT

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12. MeyGen Point of Conta	t:	13. MeyGen Point of Contact Number:							
14. TTG Status (tick	pplicable)								
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Other:	Other:		Other:		Other:				
For installation and Recover	y activities the turbine/s shall	be/	have been configured	as per su	pplier procedures and relevant				
documentation has been /	vill be issued.								
Signed on behalf of MeyGen:(Issuing Authority)									
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None	None		None		None				
All relevant isolations are / will be in place and where appropriate Permits to Work have been / will be issued under									
Sgurrenergy Safety Rules.									
Signed on behalf of MeyGen:_			(Issuing Authority)						
16. Approval of Site Entry	Permit								
This permit is authorised to	requirements of the MeyGen	Hea	Ith and Safety Plan. I th	ne under	signed confirm that safe access				
to the site exists, and that a	Il persons affected by this tas	k ha	ve been informed.						
Signed on behalf of MeyGen:_			(Issuing Authority) (E-	-mail PtW	to address in Section 9)				
17. Acceptance of Permit	to Work								
I have read and understand	the procedure outlined in M	ΛΕΥ-:	1A-70-PRO-001-F_Offsh	horeSitel	EntryProcedure and have / will				
provide notification as required to the MeyGen Point of Contact.									
Signed:(Performing Authority) (Return scan of the signed PtW to MeyGen PoC)									
18. Project Documents									
I have received the MeyGen Phase 1A Emergency and Coordination plan and the MeyGen Phase 1A Vessel Management									
Plan and shall adhere to any relevant requirements contained within.									
Signed:(Performing Authority)									
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19. Completion and closur		0000000							
I certify that the works are	complete, and all equipment	and	personnel have depart	ted the	site. The works undertaken are				
reported in			(Doc Ref)						
Signed: (Performing Authority) (Return scan of the signed PtW to to MeyGen PoC)									
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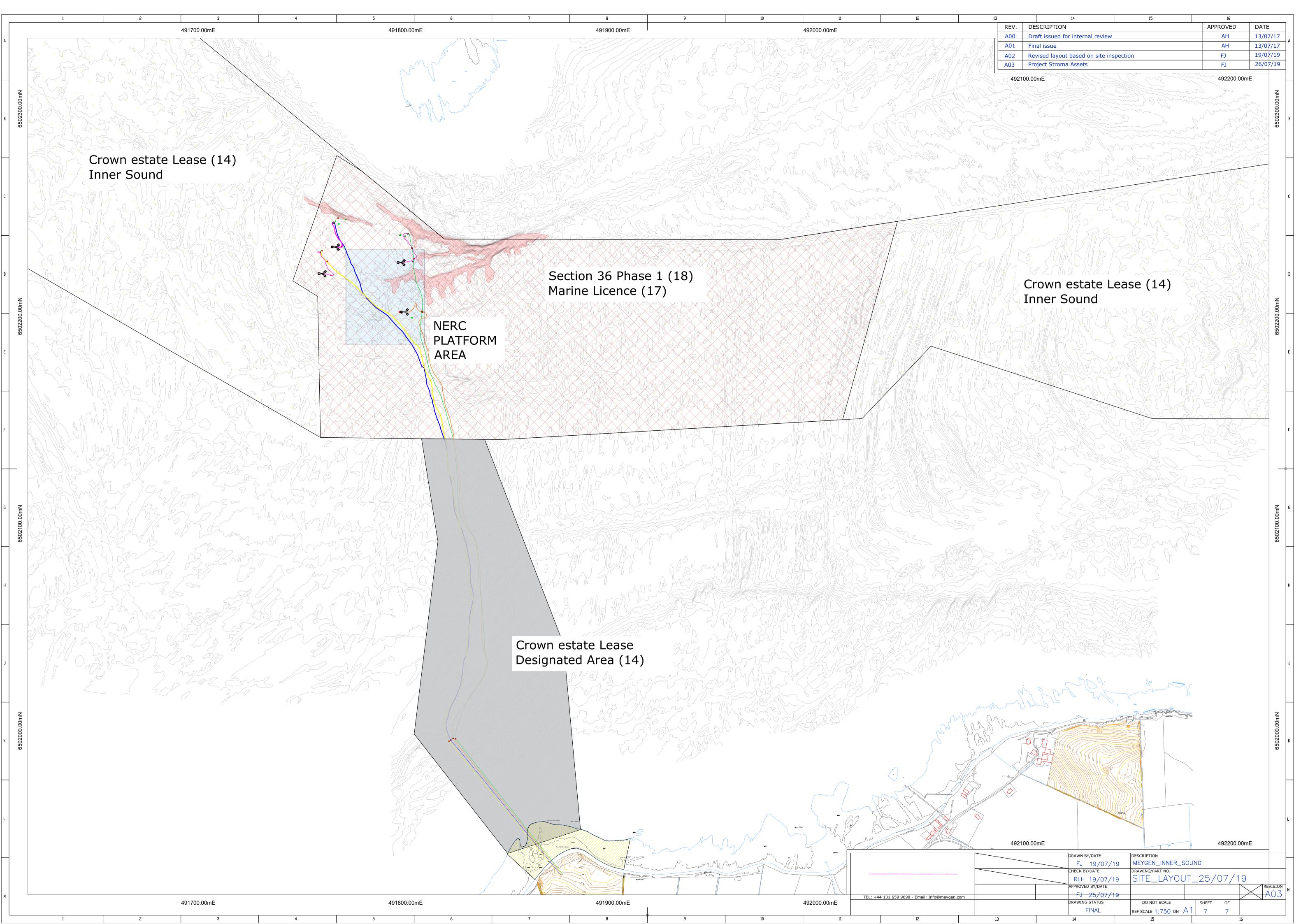
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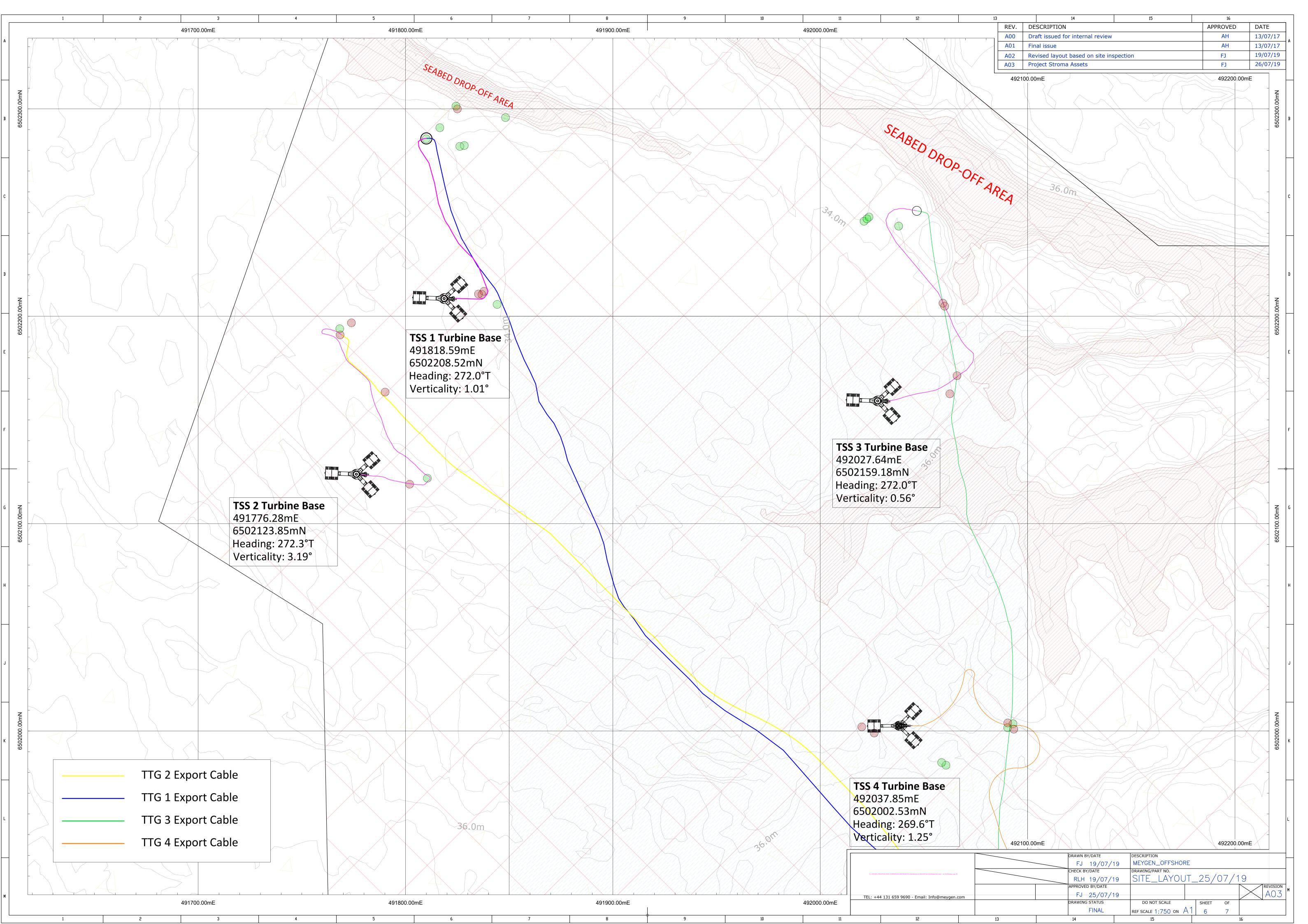
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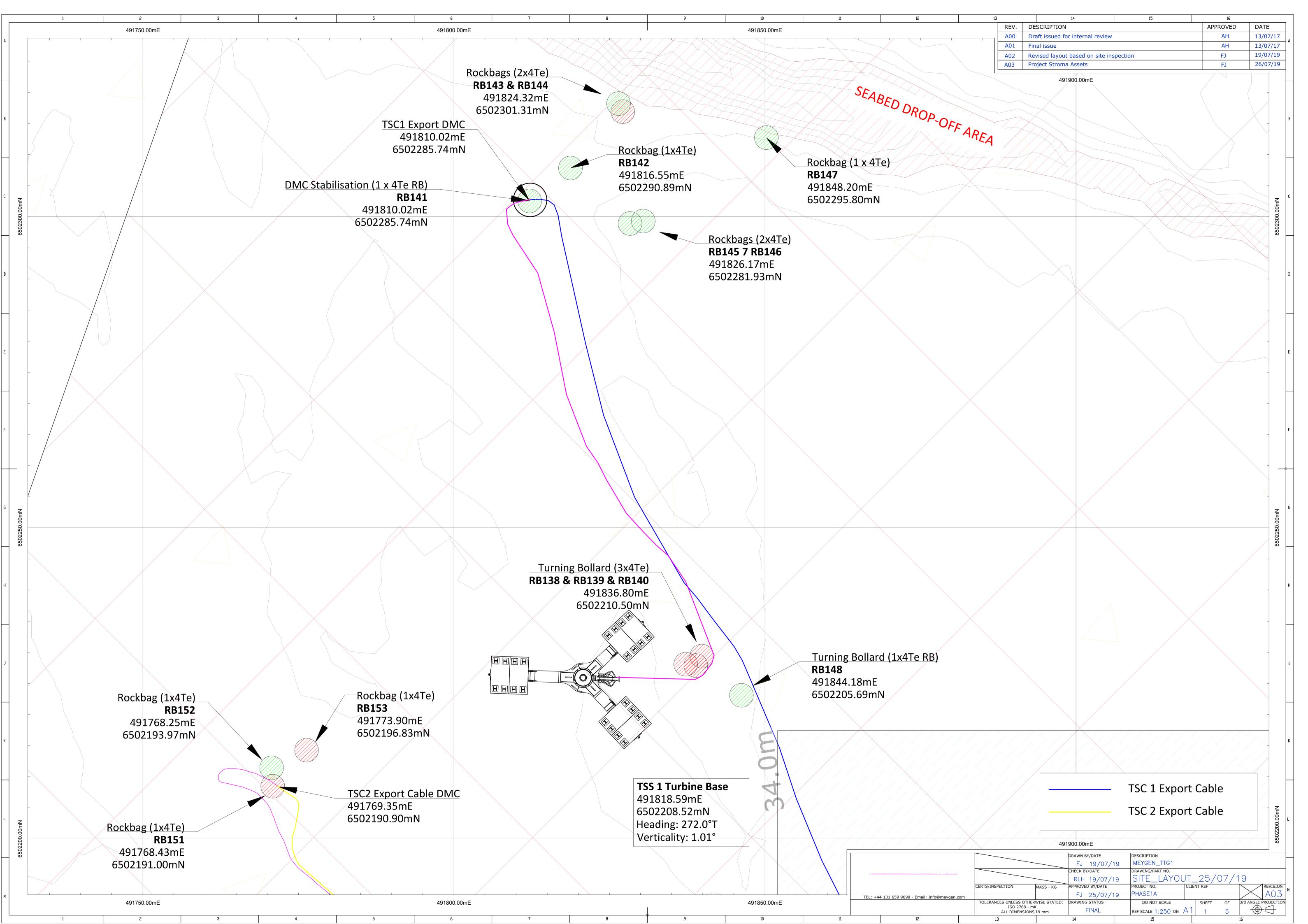
## 11 APPENDIX C - SITE DRAWINGS

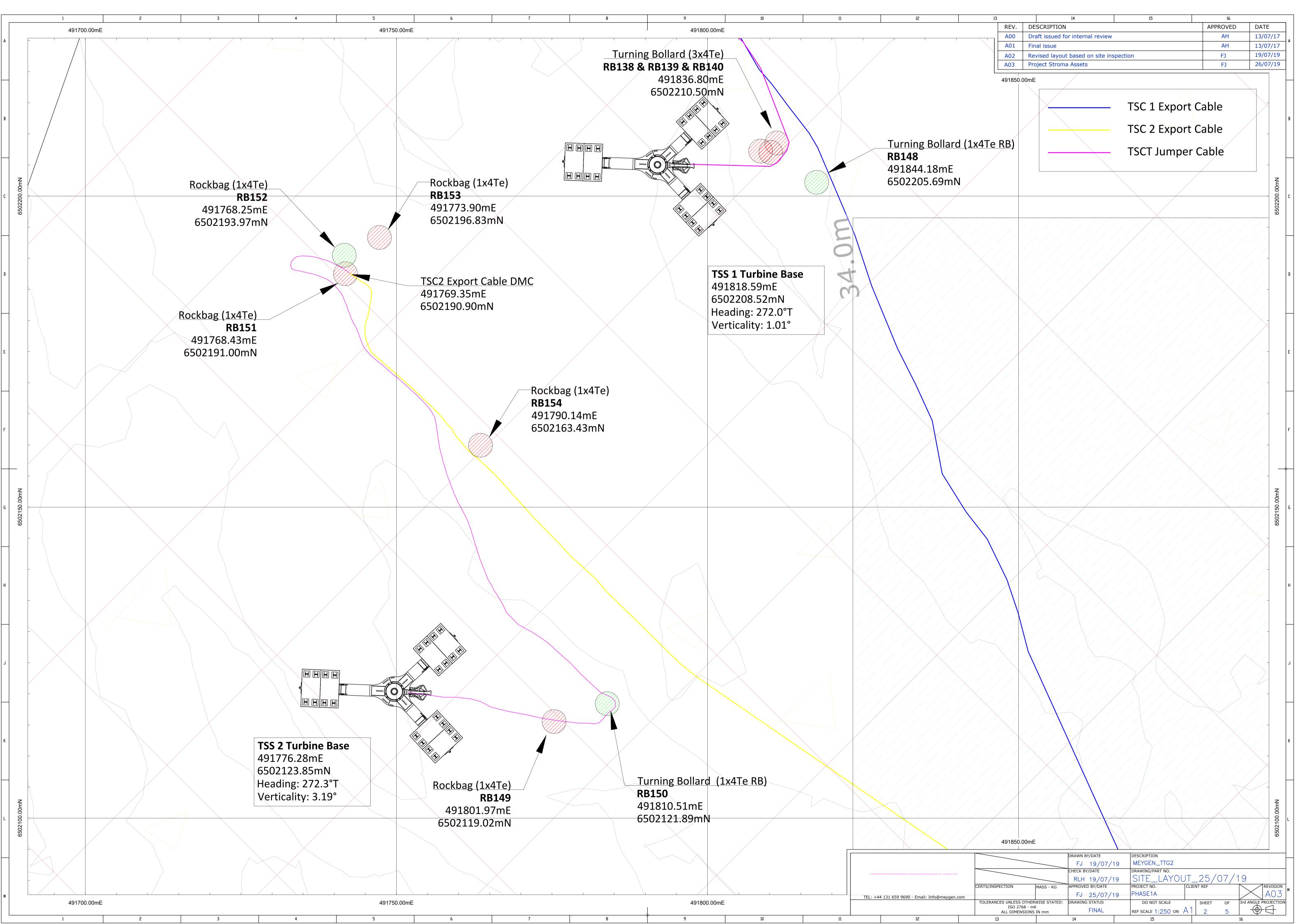
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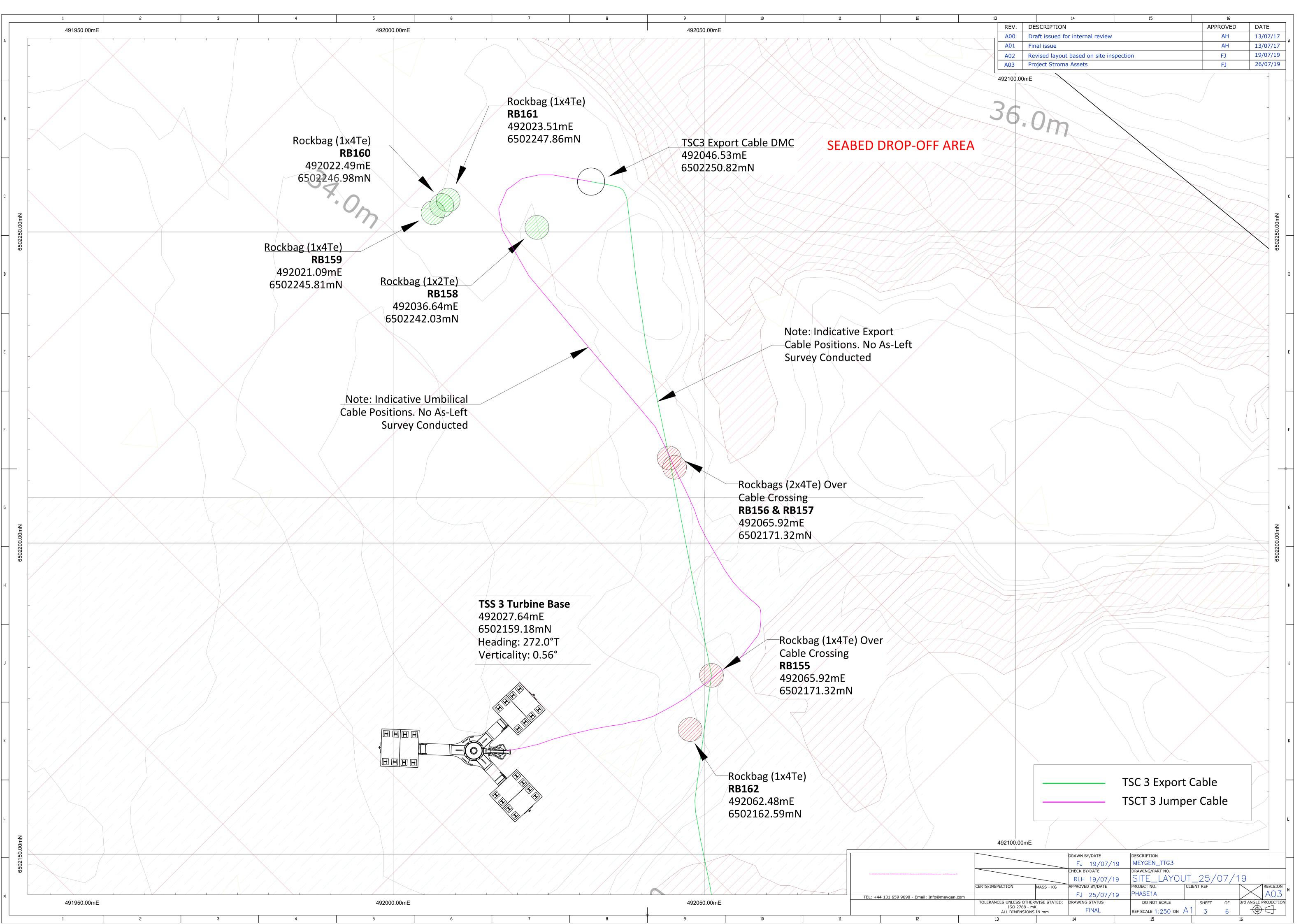
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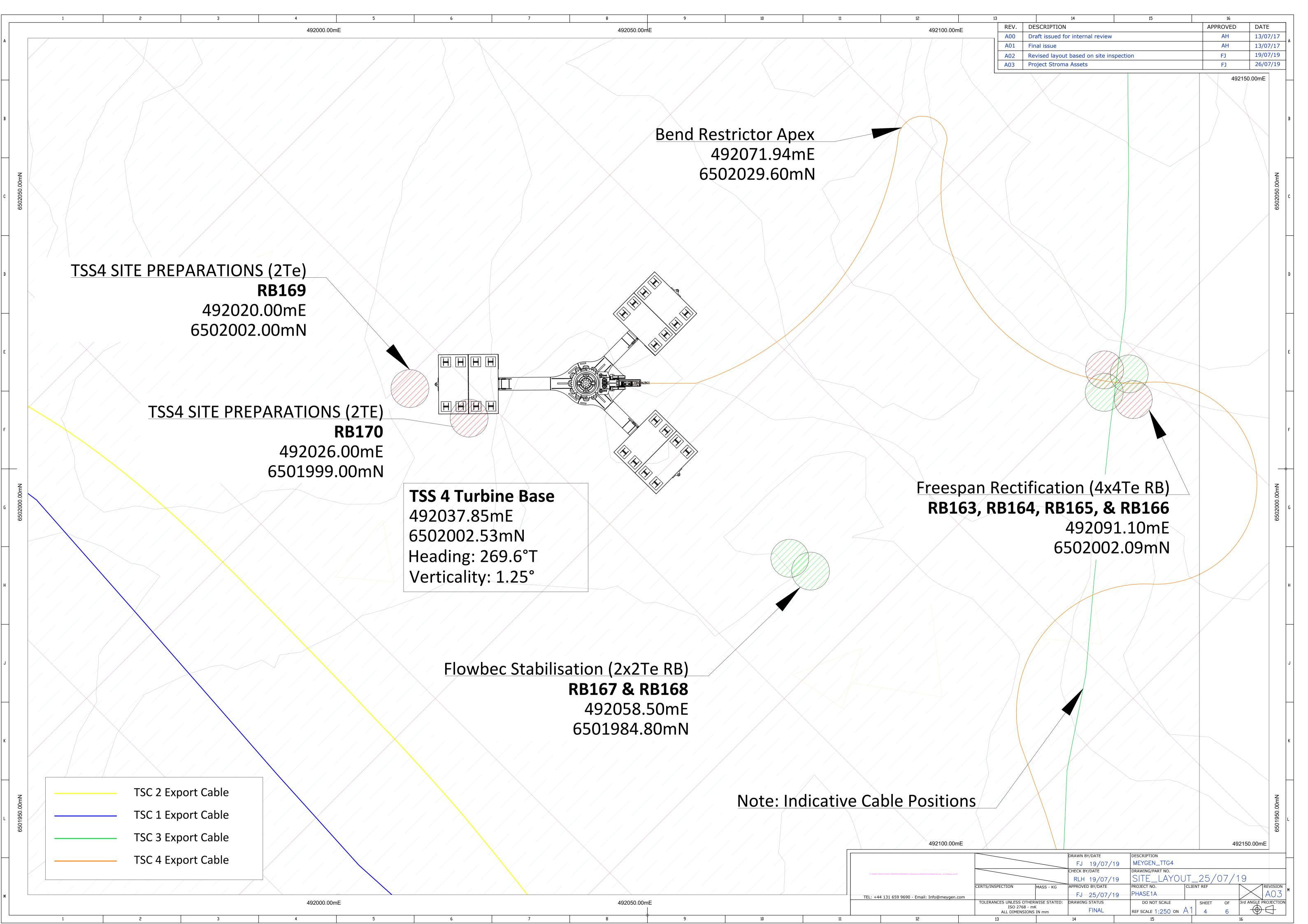


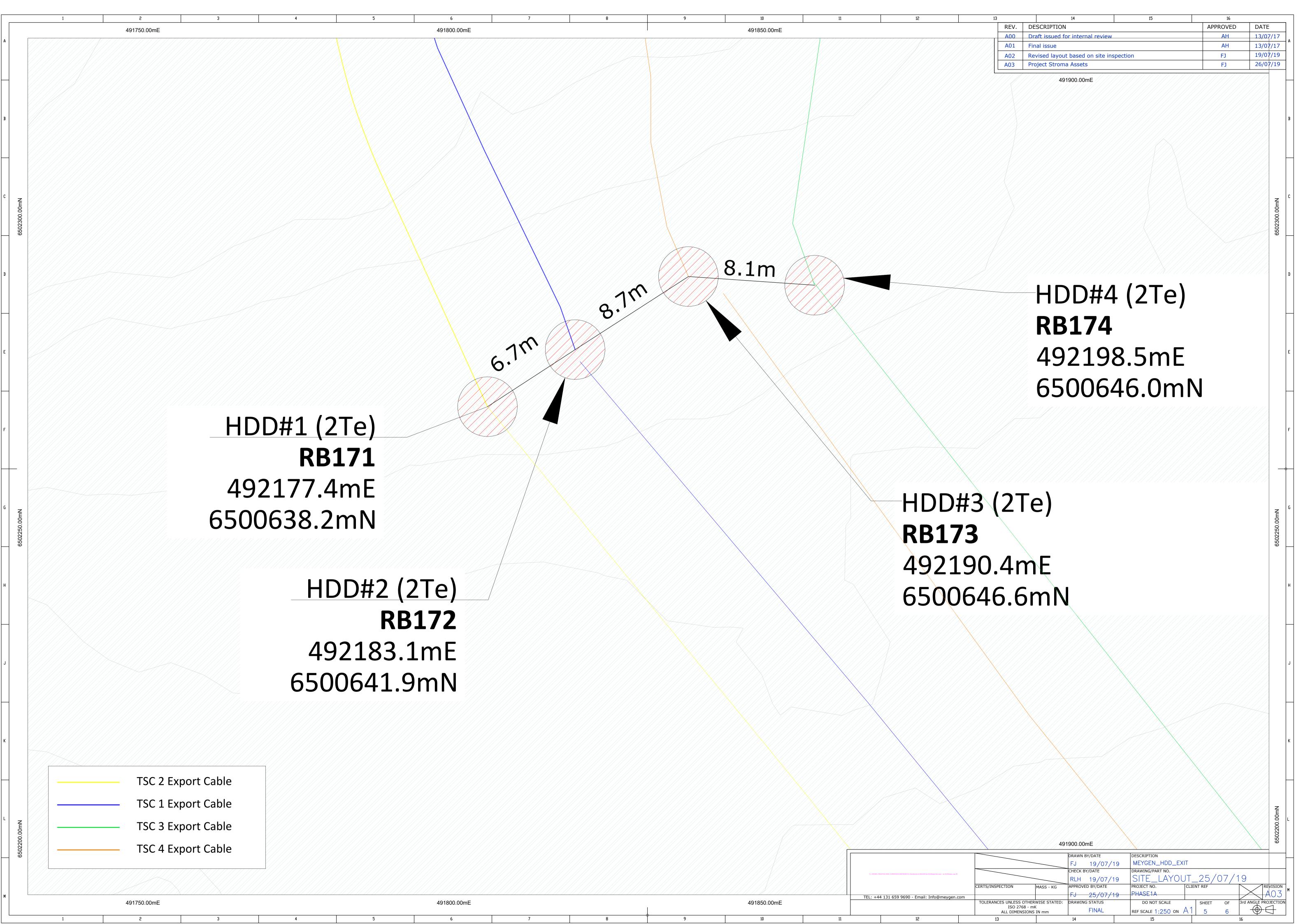












## 12 APPENDIUX D - SMMWC PUBLICATIONS

MeyGen Phase 1A – Vessel Management & Navigation Safety Plan: Operations