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Dear Mr Mountain,

Update on Glen Sannox, Hull 801 & Hull 802

I provided an update to you last week on the design and engineering challenges and the status of approvals with the MCA. Overall, the dates and budgets set out in my update to you in September will be subject to review by the FMPG board 25th January '24.

In response to your request for interim updates as issues arise, I advise that there are some supplier issues around the commissioning of the LNG systems which could, if they cannot be mitigated, cause up to 2 months delay. We are urgently exploring mitigating actions and will update by the end of January '24 following consideration by the Board at its January meeting.

For Glen Sannox, the key priority over the past quarter has been completion of works necessary for the dry-docking to take place and I regret to advise that bad weather has prevented the ship moving to the dock this week. The ship was ready as planned to move under her own propulsion – with tugs in attendance, one with lines attached – and its disappointing that we missed this significant milestone to demonstrate the good progress with the programme. Due to advance bookings for the dry dock for other vessels, we will now have to take our turn, proceed with the trials programme in January to March, and have booked the earliest available dry dock dates of 3rd-7th April.

Main machinery 'dock-trials' (as specified in the contract to be done alongside the shipyard quayside), were successfully completed at the end of November and were signed-off by both Lloyds for Classification requirements and CMAL for owners' requirements. As previously advised, Glen Sannox will operate from the Inchgreen quayside down river from Ferguson from mid-late February onwards. Build progress remains on track to launch Hull 802 on 12th March, after which she will be alongside the shipyard quayside where Glen Sannox has been previously based.

Yours sincerely,

David Tydeman
Chief Executive Officer