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Dear Mr Mountain,

Interim Update on New Vessels for Islay & Little Minch. MV Isle of Islay (NB1092), MV Loch Indaal (NB1093), MV Lochmor (NB1100) and NB1101 (MV Claymore)

In our most recent update (30th September 2025) we advised that the compliance checks would be carried out on MV Isle of Islay in October 2025. We can report that the MCA completion surveys were carried out on MV Isle of Islay during the period 20 to 29 October 2025. The shipyard is actively actioning the items raised during the MCA completion surveys. MCA are scheduled to return to the shipyard w/c 08 December 2025 for final surveys and crew drills whereby we hope to receive final sign off by Flag State (MCA).

The shipyard is working on actioning the remaining inspection remarks, completing the painting and cleaning of the vessel and to provide all necessary documentation for vessel handover. These final details can be time consuming by their nature.

If all completion activities go smoothly, the shipyard is targeting delivery of MV Isle of Islay prior to the Christmas period. This will be a challenge but CMAL, CalMac, Cemre and the regulatory authorities are all working hard and collaboratively towards reaching this target date for vessel delivery just before the Christmas holidays. Noting this is the target but without guarantee. One of the challenges around a delivery voyage around this time of year will be related to the availability of service engineers if they are required to attend the vessel.

If the Vessel is delivered prior to Christmas 2025, the crew can be arranged accordingly and prepare for and carry out the re-positioning voyage.

Our collective teams in Türkiye being CMAL, CalMac and Cemre continue to be firmly focussed on attaining delivery as soon as possible and thereafter commence the repositioning voyage from the Sea of Marmara back to Scottish Waters – this aspect being some 2 weeks including a refuelling stop in Gibraltar prior to executing the final leg into the Atlantic and across the Bay of Biscay. Upon arrival there will be a period of familiarisation and testing of the vessel at the ports in which it will operate. There is a risk regarding the weather once out into the Atlantic beyond the Straits of Gibraltar but this will be closely analysed at the time

MV Loch Indaal is berthed at the quay at the Cemre 1 Shipyard close to MV Isle of Islay having moved from Cemre 2. General outfit work is ongoing throughout the vessel. Commissioning has commenced on major equipment and systems.



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MV Lochmor is berthed at the quay at the Cemre 2 Shipyard. Outfit outwork is ongoing, installation of equipment, cables, pipework, ventilation and insulation is ongoing throughout the vessel.

NB1101 (MV Claymore) is on the slipway at the Cemre 2 Shipyard, the main hull structure is complete. Outfit outwork is ongoing, installation of equipment, cables, pipework, ventilation and insulation is progressing throughout the vessel.

The next major milestones are the delivery of the Isle of Islay (as described above) followed by the launch of the MV Claymore which is anticipated in Q1 2026.

We will give a further update no later than 30th December 2025 as is the normal quarterly update process.

I can report that costs remain on budget.

We attached two images showing the passenger spaces on MV Isle of Islay.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Hobbs
Chief Executive Officer

for and on behalf of
Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited

MV Isle of Islay – Passenger Space Deck 5



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