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Dear Mr Rennie,

Update on MV Loch Indaal

In our previous update dated 30 September 2026, we advised that MCA would attend MV Loch Indaal during the week commencing 19 October 2026. We can confirm that the MCA attended the vessel as planned. We previously reported that delivery by the end of October was achievable, that the final activities were tightly sequenced and any delay in approvals, specialist engineer attendance, testing or certification could affect delivery. The shipyard has experienced challenges securing the availability of specialist engineers from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), which will extend delivery beyond the end of October. While this is disappointing, the matter is outside the shipyard's control. Good progress continues to be made, and the shipyard is actively addressing the items raised during the MCA visit. The MCA are scheduled to return to the shipyard during the week commencing 9 November 2026, when we anticipate receiving final Flag State approval. This will be followed by a seven to ten day period to prepare the vessel for its voyage to Scotland.

We continue to maintain a strong site supervision presence at the shipyard, closely monitoring progress on the next two vessels, MV Lochmor and MV Claymore. We will provide a further update in our next quarterly report.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Hobbs
Chief Executive Officer

for and on behalf of
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