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**Subject:** Update From Barge Recovery works

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As you are aware, from our ongoing correspondence with you, we have been carrying out lifting and fish feed removal works on the sunken feed barge at Portree

As previously advised and predicted we have readings and samples, from our contractor, that suggest that the feed remaining and sealed in the barge, has begun to naturally decompose and is producing gas. Our investigations to date would suggest that the gas is Hydrogen Sulphide. There also appears to be a small leakage of gas through the concrete wall of a feed silo. As a result of those investigations and to ensure that the issue is dealt with swiftly, we have taken the safety precaution of pausing operations, while our contractor and specialist advisors assess and determine the appropriate technical and safe operational solutions

Our advisors are making use of various risk management/guidance materials, including the internationally recognised '2020 Emergency Response Guidebook'

Given the nature and the scale of works undertaken to prepare for the recovery operation, we have put an exclusion zone in place and a Notice to Mariners has been issued for the site on that basis. We will now extend the active time period for the Notice to Mariners

Additional monitoring will be put in place as a priority, and our contractor and specialist advisers are expecting to update on readings and technical advice daily

We will provide a further update once the recommended course of action has been determined by our contractor and specialist advisers

In the meantime, if there is any further information that you require then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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