

Ferguson Marine – Meeting with Turnaround Director and Chair
16:30-17:00, Tuesday 17 August 2021
Note of Meeting

Attendees

- Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy
- Tim Hair, Ferguson Marine
- Alistair MacKenzie, Ferguson Marine
- **[redacted]**, Strategic Industrial Assets
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General Update

- Tim explained how there has been positive progress in the yard since the last time he spoke with Ms Forbes and momentum is still building as time progresses.
- Some significant developments are in relation to the new inventory management system and the hiring of a new head of planning (started 26 July), who has a lot of experience.
- There is also rapidly improving planning systems in place, with better KPIs and progress monitoring systems. More overseas workers are due to start when planning systems develop further.
- Ms Forbes was pleased to hear that planning was improving as this is a really important area going forward.
- Tim is confident vessels will be delivered to the timescales he put in his June update to the Scottish Parliament. The speed of fabrication on 802 is now optimal and the Bulbous bow lift will be done soon. 801 is a big challenge with a lot to do, however Tim is confident they will meet the deadline and the budget will remain at £110 - 114 million.
- Tim ran through some of the options to accelerate work. For example more resource from the approval body - Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is in place. The process in relation to CMAL approvals has also been made quicker. **[redacted]** The yard have been investigating whether any time saved in construction is enough to warrant pursuing this, **[redacted]**

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- A delegation from the **[redacted]** visited the yard in recent weeks. Tim felt the visit was extremely positive. A further visit by **[redacted]** is planned in the coming weeks and another visit by **[redacted]**
- Ms Forbes asked to be kept updated on the process and was keen to be involved if appropriate, as future work for the yard is a priority.

Other Future Work Opportunities

- Tim highlighted that the yard was aware of future CMAL and Marine Scotland tenders that the yard may be interested in pursuing. He was also aware that Border force were looking for smaller patrol boats, that are required to be UK built.

Forbes Visit

- Tim and Alistair were please Ms Forbes was visiting the yard on 25 August and thought it would be a good opportunity to talk openly with the workforce. They were keen for further visits and suggested Ms Forbes attends the bow lift in November.
- Ms Forbes was keen to visit the yard and help make Ferguson Marine a success.

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