

# OIL AND GAS CAPABILITIES

Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross





Kishorn Port - dry dock

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## LOCHABER, SKYE AND WESTER ROSS AT A GLANCE

2011 POPULATION  
**38,040**

AREA  
**1,000,000**

DISTANCE FROM ABERDEEN  
**154 miles**

MAJOR SETTLEMENT  
**Fort William**

KEY PORTS  
**Kishorn**

### Introduction

Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross covers a significant area of the west coast of Scotland and encompasses some of the country's most spectacular scenery. The area has seen a steady population growth over the past 30 years and has benefitted from improvements to roads, telephone communication and high-speed broadband instalments. Kishorn Port has a long history in oil and gas developments and has the potential to deliver key services to the oil and gas industry. The area also offers ports at Mallaig and Ullapool that have the potential to serve operations and maintenance activities to the oil and gas sector.

### Demographics

Between 2001 and 2011, the population of Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross grew by 3%, which was greater than the rate of growth in Scotland.

### Education

West Highland College, part of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), offers the opportunity to participate in high quality lifelong learning right up to degree and postgraduate level, wherever you live in the Highlands. The college forms centres throughout the West Highlands of Scotland, from Ullapool in the north to Kinlochleven further south, and offer learners opportunity and variety in learning styles and subjects.

### Quality of Life

The West Coast of Scotland offers an unrivalled quality of life, with high educational attainment rates, a competitive cost of living and high-quality housing.

The area has stunning scenery, with spectacular mountains, outstanding cultural heritage sites and sandy beaches. Fort William is known as the Outdoor Capital of the UK and the area offers a wide range of outdoor activities; from mountaineering to fishing and hunting. Glasgow, Scotland's largest city is two-and-a-half hours' drive south of Fort William. The city offers exceptional shopping, leisure, museums, galleries, nightlife and universities.

### Transport Links

Inverness sits north east of Lochaber along the A82, a one and a half hour drive from Fort William (65 miles). Following the A82 south, Glasgow (102 miles) can be reached in around two and a half hours.

# KISHORN PORT

## KISHORN PORT AT A GLANCE

### OWNERSHIP

**50/50 venture between Ferguson Transport (Spean Bridge) Ltd and Leiths (Scotland) Ltd**

### WATER DEPTH AT QUAYSIDE

**Quay 1: 3.5m low tide, 7.5m high tide. Quays 2 & 3: 6m low tide, 10m high tide. Dry dock: 8m low tide, 12m high tide.**

### VESSEL ACCESS

**Unrestricted access due to extensive deepwater – 80m depth in main channel**

### PLANNING STATUS

**Recognised in the Highland Structure Plan as having potential for oil and gas related development for the Atlantic Frontier**

### QUAYSIDE LENGTH

**Quay 1: 120m. Quays 2 & 3: 80m each, Dry Dock: 160m at gate**

Kishorn Port and dry dock is the former construction site of the Ninian Central Platform, at over 600,000 tonnes still one of the world's largest manmade moveable objects that ever moved across the face of the earth.

The site has 45 hectares of land available (including the dry dock) for immediate construction and development with a further 19 hectares available. Kishorn lends itself to offshore wind manufacturing, assembly and fabrication, operations and maintenance and decommissioning. It also has the added feature of an on-site quarry for the supply of concrete aggregates.

### Craneage

Stevedoring and craneage available on site.

### Utilities and Facilities

- Ferguson Transport & Leiths Quarry
- Dry dock
- Divers available
- Cargo handling
- Pilotage
- Security
- Radio communication

### Transport Links

Connected principally by deep sea, there is road access East to Inverness and South to Fort William (92 miles) plus rail sidings nearby at; Strathcarron, Stromeferry and Kyle of Lochalsh. Located on a sea loch on the north west coast of Scotland, Kishorn Port lies 108km (68 miles) by road from Inverness.

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