

# Kishorn



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Kishorn Port is located on the west coast of Scotland, in Wester Ross in the Highlands. It is approximately 70 miles by road from Inverness and 200 miles from Glasgow. Kishorn Port provides three berths and a single continuous straight edged quayside of 120 metres in length, running parallel to the general shoreline at approximately 260/08° degrees true. At the western end, the quayside projects some 40 metres from the shoreline whilst at the eastern end the loch shore turns northwards into the bay and estuary of the river Kishorn. The quayside top stands 10 metres above the seabed and is open to the sea in a westerly direction with deep water in close proximity to the quayside. Kishorn could be occupied by vessels up to 100 metres or more, subject to terms not always afloat but safe aground. The present mooring bollard arrangement allows reasonable security for a vessel of up to 100 metres in length and approximately 3500 DWT.

A regular fish food delivery service is run by Ferguson Transport & Shipping from the Port along the west coast of Scotland from as far south as Arran – Mull – Loch Linnhe, as far West as Loch Hourn – Skye – Uist – Lewis – Harris and as far North as the Shetland Isles. Other products handled from this facility are ADR products for the aquaculture industry, forestry round wood, road salt, fertiliser, stone and aggregate. Other activities currently on site include the manufacture of fish cages for the aquaculture industry, quarrying, salmon smolt transfer as well as renewable energy testing and assembly of wave devices.

## Kishorn Port Ltd

Kishorn Port Ltd (KPL) is a 50/50 joint venture between Ferguson Transport (Spean Bridge) Ltd and Leiths (Scotland) Ltd created in 2008 with the objective of re-establishing the Kishorn Yard as a major facility for the manufacturing and distribution of renewable energy components; the resurrection of the Dry Dock and the potential decommissioning/recycling of floating structures.



Aerial view of Kishorn  
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KPL is unique in the fact that it has an almost unlimited water depth just off the port in the Sound of Raasay. There is an 80 metre deep channel in Loch Kishorn with 100 metre plus deep sheltered berths in the Sound of Raasay. The Dry Dock is one of Europe's largest with a 150 metre diameter with 12 metres of water at high tide. Equipment can be trialled in safe, low-risk conditions within the Dry Dock, still allowing for real results to be obtained.



Ship alongside Kishorn Dry Dock

The Dry Dock has a fully concreted flat base. As well as berthing at the Dry Dock, there are four hard edged quays with up to 12 metres of water at high tide. In total, there are 450 metres of quay space. An industrial footprint of up to 45ha is available with extensive hard standings and lay down areas. On site at Kishorn Port, there is a quarry with excellent aggregates and the potential for concrete batching facilities.

M.V. Harvest Caroline II alongside at Kishorn



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Ferguson Freight Holdings, Ferguson Transport (Spean Bridge) Ltd. & Ferguson Shipping (Kishorn Port) Ltd.  
All reference to Ferguson Transport & Shipping is for the whole and individual companies listed.



Cargo handling at Kishorn Port

On site, there are established port facilities, agency shipping, stevedoring, craneage and transport facilities with work vessels and self-discharge cargo ships based out of the port.

The site was originally developed in the 1970's by Howard Doris Ltd for the fabrication of the 600,000t Ninian Central Platform and is ideally located to serve the offshore renewables sector. The Port facility has planning permission for all the energy sectors including oil and gas. KPL has completed an Environmental Impact Assessment and planning and environmental statements for the entire site. There is a planned storage/anchorage area for completed turbines to be moored before being towed out to their final position.

KPL has developed a Masterplan which has been approved by the Highland Council for full planning permission to develop the Kishorn Port and Dry Dock site as a fabrication and assembly hub for the offshore Energy sector, including offshore wind, wave and tidal devices. The Kishorn Port Masterplan includes the refurbishment of one of Europe's largest dry docks, reclamation of the foreshore, upgrading and extending the existing pier structures and the erection of fabrication and warehousing buildings on site.

In 2013/2014 KPL hosted a ground-breaking trial by the Scottish marine energy company Albatern. Their WaveNET device underwent hydrostatic testing at KPL, which consisted of the world's first coupled array of units known as Squids. The units were collected from Albatern's manufacturing facility in Central Scotland, using a standard flatbed articulated trailer, as well as the use of on-site engineering and craneage facilities. Trident have also recently used an energy lease with KPL, allowing them to test their PowerPod wave technology at sea and gather operating data to inform commercial designs and performance modelling. KPL is supported by having transport, warehousing and logistics links, both by road and sea already established on-site. There are also plans for accommodation welfare facilities on site and a temporary holding area for completed offshore wind turbines in Loch Kishorn. If the site is re-established as a full manufacturing facility of concrete gravity base structures, it could provide up to 2,500 jobs in the future. Although based on the west coast of Scotland, plans for tow-outs round the north of Scotland to the east coast have been formulated, bringing many of the prospective UK offshore wind farm developments within reach. Kishorn Port Ltd were finalists in the 'Best Renewable Energy Services Supplier' category at the 2014 Energy North Awards. All of the above does not exclude oil and gas refurbishment projects on Jack-up or semi-submersible oil rig platforms. All enquiries welcome.



Artists impression of potential developments at Kishorn