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### **Environmental considerations**

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### Areas to consider

- Environmental aspects
- Permitting aspects
- Stakeholder involvement





### Areas to consider

- Land
- Seabed
- Installation activities
- Visual/audible
- Wave energy abstraction
- Navigation, shipping & spatial
- Fishing
- Operational activities
- Marine life
- Pollution risk
- Social impacts
- Positive benefits



## Land

- Substation
  Overhead lines
  Buried cables
  Cable markers
  Lighting
  Land access
- Communications



Substation at EMEC, Orkney

# **SUBMARINE CABLE INSTALLATION**



# **SUBMARINE CABLE POST-INSTALLATION**





# **Seabed + installation activities**

### Submarine cable

- Buried
- Drilled
- Surface laid
- Armoured
- Mooring attachments
  - Clump weights
  - Anchors
  - Piles
- Installation activities









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### Visual/ audible

### Visual

- Distance offshore
- Height of land
- Height of machine
- Wave height

### Audible

- Close proximity
- Shoreline
- Frequency



# Navigation, Shipping & Spatial requirements

- Careful site selection
  Marked on charts
- Notices to mariners
- Navigational markers, radar reflectors + lights





# Wave energy abstraction

- Average energy reduction 10% immediately behind farm
- Reduction in wave energy at coastline negligible
- Most sedimentation change and erosion occurs in extreme waves
- Pelamis absorbs <1% energy in extreme waves
- Important to engage with surfing community



Example of wave height reduction from 100% absorber (eg island - not Pelamis wave farm)

## **Pollution risk**

- Use of environmentally benign fluids
- No greases, oils or lubricants in contact with sea (eg cf ships)
- Containment
- Double/triple sealing
- Seaworthiness naval architecture
- Insurance







% Biodegraded

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# Fishing/ recreational use/ marine life

- Area of sea unavailable for fishing or recreational use
- Low area requirement (30MW < 1km<sup>2</sup>)
- Careful site selection to avoid important areas
- Potential benefits in aquaculture regeneration (no take zones)





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#### Power module fabrication



#### Main tube fabrication



#### Main tube fabrication



#### Power module assembly



#### Main tube fit-out



#### Final assembly and launch



### **Operational activities – Operation and Maintenance**

#### Installation & recovery



#### **Operations & maintenance**





#### **O&M** shore facility



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# **Marine life**

- Bio-fouling machine moves with water not through water like a vessel => anti-fouling generally not required on structure
- Impressed current anti-fouling system for hydraulic fluid cooling pipwork (contained within module envelope to protect against damage
- Mooring yoke (20m water depth) may require some antifouling



### **Environmental Assessment – worst case**

Key	Negative			Nono	Positive		
	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Minor	Moderate	Major
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	Wildlife	Habitats	Energy	Sea users	Local	Landscape	Wider	Wastes
					community		community	
w-out of rbour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Exhausts & bilges, paint drips, debris in dock
w at sea	noise	-	-	Obstacle to shipping	-	-	-	Exhausts & bilges
sting at sea	noise	-	-	Obstacle to shipping	-	-	-	Exhausts & bilges
mporary cking	noise	Disturbance to seabed	-	Obstacle to dive boats	Harbour dues Servicing work	Use of pier	-	Seepage water
ar-site	Noise & antifouling	-	-		Local servicing needs	level of activity on pier	-	Exhausts & bilges
eltered water	Noise	Disturbance to seabed	-	Interference with creeling	-	Boat will attract attention	-	Exhausts & bilges
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oring device	-	Disturbance to seabed	-	Debris	-	-	-	Waste cable
ectrical hook-up	Attraction for fish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
cation marking	-	-	-	Assistance to navigation	-	Will enhance visibility	-	Waste cable
veration of vice	Noise attraction for fish	-	Absorption of wave energy	Obstacle to shipping& fishing	Point of interest, adds to renewables credibility	Visibility	Validation of important technology	-
rformance onitoring	-	-	-	-	Confidence in future for investment and jobs	-	Validation of important technology	-
vironmental onitoring	Sampling losses	-	-	-	Local benefits	Demonstration of visibility	Validation of important technology	-
utine recovery	Noise	-	-	Obstacle to shipping	Service	Passing operation	-	Exhausts & bilges
planned covery	Noise	-	-	Obstacle to shipping	Service opportunity	Passing operation		Exhausts & bilges
cking and/or	-	Disturbance to seabed/coast	-	Obstacle to shipping	Service opportunity	Passing operation	-	Seepage water
aintenance	-	-	-	May fill berth	Service opportunity, noise, odour, reduced access to pier	Temporary operation on pier	-	Removal of fouling, paints, hydraulic oil, scrap metal
-launching	-	-	-	Obstacle to shipping	Service	Passing operation	-	-
oring vintenance	-	Seabed disturbance	-	-	Service opportunity	Passing operation	-	Waste cable
al recovery	Noise	-	-	Obstacle to	Service	Passing operation	-	Exhausts & bilges
oring recovery	Turbidity	Seabed	-	Removal of	Service	Passing operation	-	Waste cables
commissioning	-	-		-	Service	-	Museum piece	Scrap metal, sand,
sposal of istes	Litter or debris	Litter or debris		Debris	Service opportunity, litter	Avoid litter	Off Orkney disposal ?	Reuse, recycle, reduce then licensed disposal
livery of	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	Service opportunity	Packaging
pply of rvices	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	Service opportunity	-
cilities for itors	-	Vegetation damage	-	Boat trips	Service opportunity, increased visitors to unusual areas	Suitability of interpretation	-	Litter
mmunication	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	Need info	Recycled paper
anagement	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	-	Office efficiency
nergency sponse	-	Access to shore from land	-	Help from & obstacle to others	Reputation for area, service	Temporary operation	Reputation of technology	Sand, hydraulic oil, scrap metal, cables and ropes
curity	-	-		Easy access to	Eyes and ears	-	-	-
	Wildlife	Habitats	Energy	Sea users	Local	Landscape	Wider	Wastes
					community		community	

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### **Environmental Assessment – best practice**

	Negative			Nono	Positive			
Key	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Minor	Moderate	Major	
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	Wildlife	Habitats	Energy	Sea users	Local community	Landscape	Wider community	Wastes
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ing at sea	- insignificant noise	-	-	None	-	-	-	Exhausts & bilges
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tion marking	-	-	-	Assistance to navigation	-	Will enhance visibility	-	- Safe disposal
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ronmental itoring	No harm	-	-	-	Local benefits	Demonstration of visibility	Validation of important technology	-
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ommissioning	-	-		-	opportunity	-	Museum piece	- Safe disposal
osal of tes	None created	None created		None	opportunity, litter	None	- Safely undertaken	Safe disposal
very of	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	Service opportunity	- Safe disposal
oly of	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	Service opportunity	-
lities for	-	Visitor facilities on	-	Boat trips	Service	Suitability of	-	-
ors		roadside and in town			opportunity, increased visitors to unusual areas	interpretation		None
munication	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity Need info	-	Need info	Recycled paper
agement	-	-	-	-	Service opportunity	-	-	Best practice
onse	-	None	-	None	None	None	None	None
urity	-	-	-	Easy access to site	Eyes and ears	-	-	-
	Wildlife	Habitats	Energy	Sea users	Local community	Landscape	Wider community	Wastes

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### **Positive benefits – local**

- Each machine displaces
   2,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum (and other pollutants from conventional generation)
- A 30MW wave farm would displace 80,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>
- UK potential 25m tonnes ofCO<sub>2</sub> per annum
- Job potential for experienced marine operators in operations and maintenance
- Public engagement vital!



# Global energy policy context – the big picture

### **Environmental:**

 Climate change, unprecedented rises in carbon dioxide and temperature in short time

### Socio-economic:

- Job potential
- Cost effective energy production

### Security of supply:

- Electricity demand continuing to rise
- Existing power plants reaching end of life
- UK now net importer of gas, 50% imports by 2010, 80% by 2020



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UKCS oil and gas: millions of years to deposit but only 15-30 years left!

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