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1. Introduction

bp International Alternative Energy Investments Limited has contracted Fugro GB Marine Limited (Fugro) to carry out deployment of two floating LiDAR buoys (WS187, and WS188) at the NOAH mast offshore Blyth.

Operations will be conducted with the Voe Viking and involve transferring the buoys and moorings from the Port of Blyth to the NOAH site.

2. Area of Operations

The equipment will be located at the Blyth NOAH offshore Met Mast validation site and the planned deployment coordinates of the buoys is shown Table 1.

It is planned that both buoys will be deployed on or shortly after 29 May 2024.

The planned deployment duration is nominally 30 days but may extend if the validation is not complete by the planned recovery date of 30 June 2024.

Table 1: Coordinates of Planned LiDAR Buoy Deployment

Location / Buoy	WGS 84 Lat DD.DD	WGS 84 Long DDD.DD	Water Depth (Below LAT)
WS 187	55.147147 N	1.422882 W	Nominal 40m
WS 188	55.147734 N	1.420697 W	Nominal 40m

The general location of the buoys is shown in Figure 1.

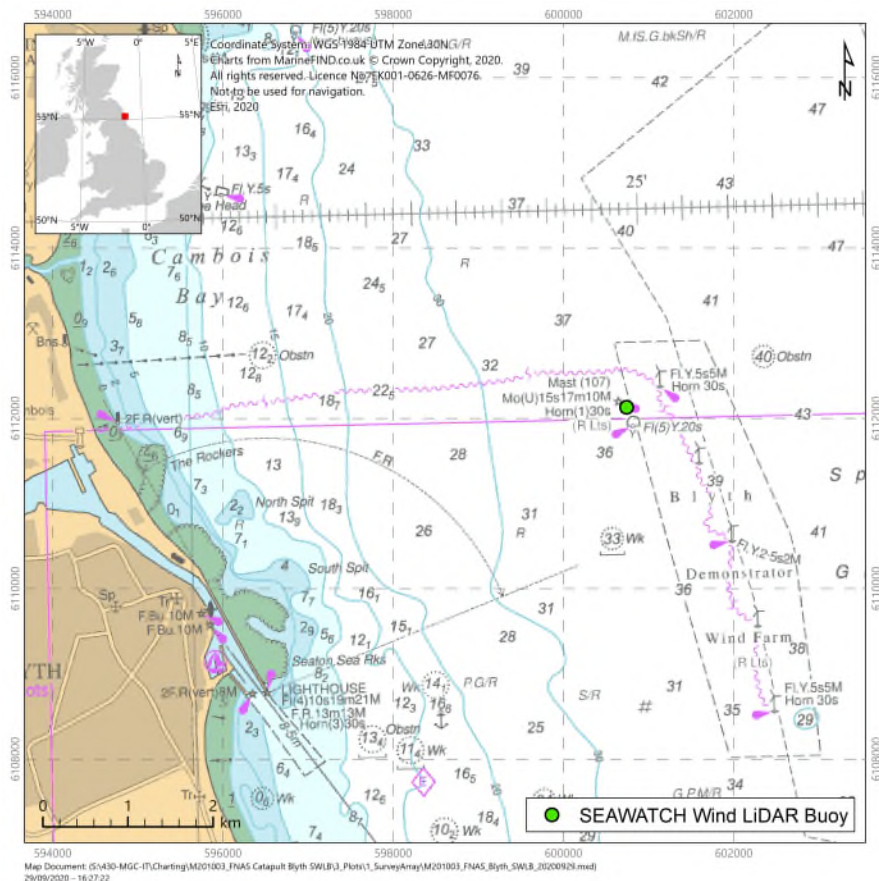


Figure 1: Positions of LiDAR Buoys at Blyth NOAH Site

3. Offshore Measurements

3.1 Equipment

The equipment is an integrated Seawatch Wavescan buoy and ZX 300M LiDAR; the purpose of the equipment is to collect oceanographic and meteorological data using a single platform. The equipment is supplied and charged by an onboard power system which uses methanol fuel cells and solar panels to recharge onboard lead acid batteries.

The equipment is equipped with a F1 (5) Y 20 s light with 4-5 nautical mile range; the light is mounted at the top of one of the masts, approximately 4 m above sea level. The flash sequence for this light is detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: LiDAR Buoy Flash Sequence

Flash Code	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off
FL (5) 20 S	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.8	11.2

The equipment dimensions and example image are shown in Figure 2.

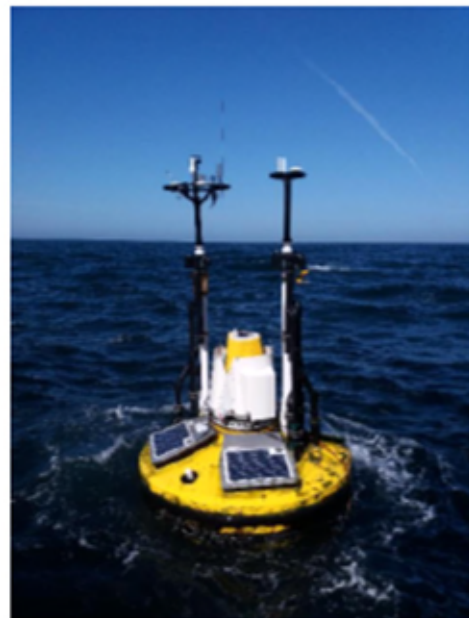
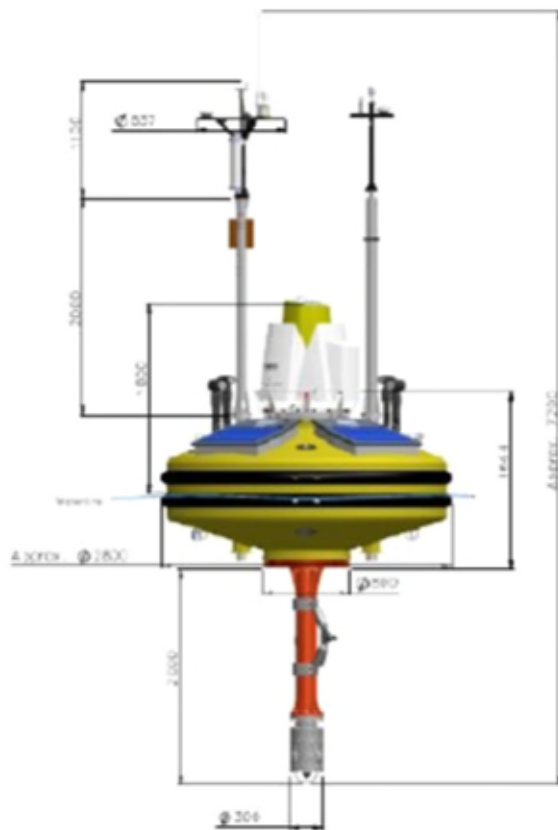


Figure 2: LiDAR Buoy Dimensions and Appearance

Additional risk reduction measures include the use of passive radar reflectors to make the buoy more visible on vessel radars, Automatic Information Systems (AIS) to broadcast the buoy position to marine AIS platforms, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) position monitoring of the buoy at 30-minute intervals and an independent GPS tracker used for backup position monitoring of the equipment in the event of primary GPS failure.

The equipment is moored using a single point mooring. The mooring design allows for free movement of the buoy over a radius that is approximately equal to the water depth. The anchor weight used to moor the equipment is approximately 2250 kg weight and comprised of large diameter scrap chain.

It should be noted that some elements of the mooring float just below the sea surface. To avoid the risk of entanglement, vessels should allow a minimum 200 m clearance from the surface buoy.

3.2 Safety

It is requested that anybody having knowledge of any potential objects submerged or moored on the seabed close to the deployment zone, that could be damaged or form a hazard to the vessel and its equipment advises the persons listed in the Immediate Contacts Table of their position and nature.

4. Immediate Contacts

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Notice to Mariners or any other matters should be directed to the persons outlined in Table 3.

Table 3: Contact Persons


Role	Name	Contact Details
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5. Vessel – Voe Viking

Operations will be undertaken by the Voe Viking.

Voe Viking vessel details are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Vessel – Voe Viking

	General Information	
	Name	Voe Viking
	Flag	UK
	Call Sign	MHWM4
	Class	BV MCA Workboat Cat 1
	Length	26.0m
	Beam	11.5m
	Draught (min)	2.25
	Gross Tonnage	161.7
	Vessel Phone	+44 7876 196 084
	Email:	voeviking@jifmar.net

6. Distribution List

This Notice to Mariners has been distributed to the authorities, companies, and individuals shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Distribution List

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