

On Monday 16th September 2013 in Inverness at the Scottish Renewables Marine Energy Conference, Scottish Government Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing, announced consent for the largest tidal energy scheme in Europe to date. The project developer, MeyGen, will install its turbines in the Inner Sound of the Pentland Firth, just off the Caithness coast between Gills Harbour and the island of Stroma.

Thurso based renewable energy consultancy Caithness Renewables Ltd was exhibiting at the conference for the third successive year. Caithness Renewables launched its re-branded services earlier this month; 'Offergy', the offshore energy service, includes innovative tidal stream analysis and the implementation of other marine energy and offshore wind skills.

Caithness Renewables Director Louise Smith commented, "The consent of MeyGen's tidal stream project is a fundamental step towards making marine energy generation part of Scotland's energy mix. We congratulate Dan Pearson and his team at MeyGen on this important milestone and look forward to Caithness being at the centre of marine energy job creation. "