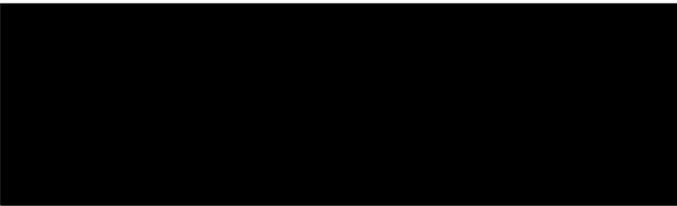
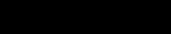


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Dear 

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 27th July 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked the following:

Can you please provide any correspondence either written or digital with First Marine International and representatives of the Scottish Government over a report/benchmarking exercise carried out last year to assist with the ongoing transformation and improvement programme at Ferguson Marine, a publicly owned company. This would include the actual report itself. It would also include any follow up report from FMI in relation to Ferguson Marine.

Response to your request

Please find our response to your request for information:

A search of Ferguson Marine correspondence has revealed no exchanges with First Marine International and representatives of the Scottish Government that relate to the benchmarking report.

Although we would want to provide you with information whenever possible, in the case of the report itself we are unable to provide the information you have requested because an exemption under section 33(1)(b) (commercial interests) of FOISA applies.



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This exemption applies because disclosure of this particular information would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Limited and First Marine International. In particular, details of the methodology, qualifications, costs and other sensitive data that if released could impede Ferguson Marine achieving the best value for public money in the future and potentially hinder the sustainable operation of the business.

This exemption is also applied as disclosure of this information would be likely to give First Marine International's competitors an advantage in future tendering exercises, which would substantially prejudice their ability to submit competitive tenders and so could significantly harm their commercial business.

This exemption is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption.

Your right to request a review

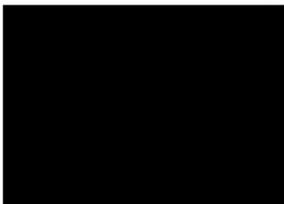
If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to:

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Your review request will be forwarded to the appropriate reviewer. You should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and your request should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Yours sincerely,



 FOI Officer