





# **New Port Facility at the Falkland Islands**

Use of Repurposed FIPASS Barges for Construction - Technical Note on Navigation Issues

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#### **A1.0 Introduction**

### A1.1 Project Summary

The economy of the Falkland Islands depends upon a Port and the Falkland Interim Port and Storage System (FIPASS) has been in operation since 1984. This is the current main commercial Port facility for the Falkland Islands. The system is nearing the end of its operational life.

Investigative work conducted between 2017 and 2019 has revealed a deteriorating condition of FIPASS.

New Port facilities are now required to serve the needs of the traditional industries and support economic growth by the early 2020s.

The purpose of this Project is to deliver a new Port to serve the Falkland Islands.

#### A1.2 Report Purpose

The Planning Application has been approved for building the quay wall using plant positioned on a rockfill bund to the south of the new quay wall. This has limited impact on navigation to and from the FIPASS and this is covered in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

BAM now consider that there are programme savings (and therefore cost savings) if the New Port Facility can be built using floating plant. The purpose of this technical note is to look at the navigation issues associated with using the existing FIPASS barges as working platforms from which to build the piled quay walls of the New Port Facility and how working from this will impact on navigation to FIPASS during the construction phase.

## A1.3 Scope of Report

The scope of this note covers the various construction phases and steps as proposed by BAM to build the quay walls. See Appendix A for further details. It is based on barge use as defined by MDI in its structural condition reports (A3.1.2 item ref.5).

# A2.0 Definition of Important Terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations

This report makes reference to terms, acronyms and abbreviations which are defined in the following document:

Ref	Title
PB7829-RHD-ZZ-ZZ-RP-Z-0053	Definition of Important Terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations

### **A3.0 Reference Documents**

# **A3.1.1 Background Documents**

Ref	Title	Doc No:
1	FIPASS Berthing & Revenue Reports Jan 2015 to Aug 2020	N/a
2	FIG Notice to Mariners No 08/2019 – FIPASS Temporary Pilotage Direction	N/a
3	BAM Nuttall/ Enviros - Survey Results Report, September 2020	ENV-20056-BAM-SRR / BAS.2050/4000180418
4	Admiralty Chart 1614 – Stanley Harbour and Approaches	N/a

#### **A3.1.2 Project Documents**

Ref	Title	RHDHV Doc No:
1	Basis of Design	PB7829-RHD-ZZ-ZZ-RP-S-0010
2	Stakeholder Engagement Report	PB7829-RHD-ZZ-ZZ-RP-PM-0058
3	Navigation Study	PB7829-RHD-MA-ZZ-RP-ME-0047
4	Construction Phasing Drawings (included in Appendix A)	BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W- 0015_P04_Barge Navigational Locations Phase 1_ Sheet 1 of 2;  BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W- 0016_P04_Barge Navigational Locations Phase 1_ Sheet 2 of 2;  BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W- 0017_P04_Barge Navigational Locations Phase 2;  BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W- 0027_P02 Barge Navigational Locations Dismantle of Causeway_Sheet 1 of 2;  BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W- 0033_P02 Barge Navigational Locations Dismantle of
		Causeway_Sheet 2 of 2
5	MDI Reports	SW CRANE BARGE STABILITY INFORMATION ISSUE D 23/06/2022; South West Deck Loading Capability for Design of Matting BAS2051-MDI- ZZ-YYY-RP-CC-0205:

		South Centre Deck Loading for Stowed Material BAS2051-MDI-ZZ- YYY-RP-CC-0218; South Centre Stability Check for Pile Storage BAS2051-MDI-ZZ-YYY-RP- CC-0219
6	Zonal Control Drawings for Phase 2	SURFACING PLAN FOR PHASE 2 INTERFACE BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS- SK-W-0031;
		ZONAL WORKING DIAGRAMS SCENARIOS 1 & 2 BAS2051-BNL- CE-QS-SK-W-0026 S4 P02; ZONAL WORKING DIAGRAMS SCENARIOS 3 & 4 BAS2051-BNL- CE-QS-SK-W-0029 S4 P02;
7	File: 070622 Stage 2 Construction Program Title: NEW PORT FACILITY AT FALKLAND ISLANDS - STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION WORKS	BAS2051_010622-1

## A4.0 Berthing at FIPASS

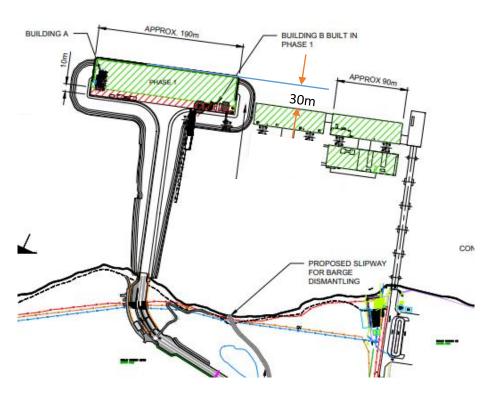
Bringing a vessel alongside FIPASS is not an easy berthing operation. Berthing is made difficult by a number of factors including:

- The variability and strength of the prevailing winds;
- The lack of manoeuvrability of certain of the vessels (predominantly the older fishing fleet vessels);
- The presence of the Ro-Ro pontoon that hampers the approach from the east;
- A small number of vessels can only berth starboard side to; meaning that they approach from the west to berth at FIPASS. This is an issue as the prevailing winds are from the west so the vessels berth with the wind from astern which is not preferred practice;
- For deeper drafted vessels, the available water depth in the approach from The Narrows to the FIPASS hampers manoeuvring;
- The relatively short length of available quay;
- The presence of other vessels already alongside;
- The lack of a proper designed fender system;
- Experience of vessel captain and crew.

The above factors have varying influence on the safe berthing of vessels at FIPASS. During the stakeholder engagement exercise in September 2020, the lack of a harbour tug was raised by a number of the stakeholders including the fishing industry, Stanley Services and some IAATO members. There have been a number of incidents where vessels have collided with FIPASS causing damage to the FIPASS barges and to the vessels concerned. The presence of a tug to assist in berthing will certainly help to mitigate the prevalence of such incidents and will generally lead to safer berthing for many of the vessels using the port.

# **A5.0 Construction of the New Port Facility**

During the construction of the proposed new port facility, construction work will be ongoing alongside the continued use of the FIPASS. There will therefore need to be a high degree of cooperation between the Port Manager, the Harbour Master and the Contractor (BAM) to enable the two operations to work in parallel. Notices to Mariners will need to be issued regularly as the works progress and navigational issues change. There will inevitably be a degree of disruption to the normal operation of the FIPASS. The new quay line is northwards of the existing quay line by 30m as shown in the image below.



The two westernmost FIPASS barges will initially be removed along with the south-central (SC) barge. Construction of the new port will generally work from west to east along the main quay wall with the backfilling running on behind the quay wall piling works. Whether the piling work is undertaken from a bund to the south of the quay wall or from a barge moored to the north of the quay wall there will be some navigation disruption and challenges.

The Planning Application has been approved for building the quay wall using plant positioned on a rockfill bund to the south of the new quay wall. This has limited impact on navigation to and from the FIPASS but is covered in the EIS. The following sections of this report consider an alternative method of construction and the associated navigational issues generated.

# **A6.0 Use of Barges During Construction**

For construction of the new facilities the intention is to use a number of the existing FIPASS barges as working platforms to support the piling plant and to act as storage for the steel tubular piles. The use and movement of the barges is illustrated in the following drawings (See Appendix A):

Title	Doc No:
BARGE POSITION PHASE 1: SHEET 1 OF 2	BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W-0015
BARGE POSITION PHASE 1: SHEET 2 OF 2	BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W-0016
BARGE LOCATIONS PHASE 2	BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W-0017
BARGE POSITIONS DISMANTLING OF CAUSEWAY SHEET 1 OF 2	BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W-0027
BARGE POSITIONS DISMANTLING OF CAUSEWAY SHEET 2 OF 2	BAS2051-BNL-CE-QS-SK-W-0033

The construction of the New Port Facility is split into two phases:

Phase 1, for realising 190m of operational quay and the causeway;

• Phase 2, for the remaining 110m of the main quay, the relocation of the pontoons (Sulivan), and the removal of the dolphins, the roro pontoon and the ramps and bridges.

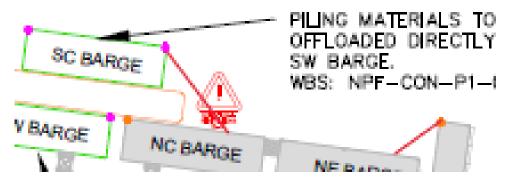
During some of the activities and stages of the Phase 1 of construction as proposed the use of the remaining berths of the existing FIPASS will become compromised to some extent. These stages are assessed in the following sections.

Before the start of Phase 2, port operations will move to the new quay. Piling work will then progress eastwards with the remaining FIPASS barges being removed as required. There is also some impact on navigation of vessels and the use of the new section of quay during Phase 2 but this is considered to be far less than in Phase 1. BAM has developed a zonal plan to cover the limitations on the quay itself during this phase (A3.1.2 Ref. 6).

## A6.1 Total berth length vs effective berth length

The effective berth length that remains operationally available during the construction period is difficult to capture in exact meters. It is depending on the local conditions at the time and the possibilities of the vessels and their crews.

As a rule of thumb, the effective berth length is the length that is available between the lines from the (temporary) obstacles at 45 degrees angles with the berthing line as shown below.



The exact length available for berthing remains flexible and is at the judgement of the Harbour Master depending on the actual situation and conditions.

The NW Barge is in the present situation already not available for berthing.

The total berthing length in the tables below is maximum structural length available and includes the link bridges between the barges in the available length figure. This is compared with the effective available length when the 45 degree angles to the berthing face are considered. The vessels may require local movement based on existing obstructions.

#### A6.2 Sulivans vessels passage

Sulivans vessels berth at the Sulivans pontoons. During the construction period the pontoons are moved to their new location, to the south of the new port area. Construction activities do continue to take place in the access route of the Sulivans vessels. The largest vessel has a width of 5.5m. If a passage is available of over 3B wide, say conservatively 20m, this is adequate.

# A7.0 Operational impact - Summary

The following construction stages have been considered in this study based on the information provided by BAM.

The table below summarises the impact on vessels using FIPASS during the construction stage of the project. For detail on the barge positions, please refer to the construction phasing drawings (Ref A3.1.2, item 4). The duration days are taken from Ref.7.

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WBS Ref.	Name	Image (for details refer to Ref A3.1.2 – 4)	Duration (days) per WBS ref.	Total possible berth length vs effective berth length (See A6.1 above)
Phase 1				
WBS_REFERENCES: NPF-CON-P1-02-1000 NPF-CON-P1-02-1010 NPF-CON-P1-02-1020 NPF-CON-P1-02-1030	BARGE OFFLOADIN G: SC BARGE LOADING	SC BARGE  PILING MATERIAL OFFLOADED DIRE SW & SC BARGE WBS: NPF-CON-  SW BARGE  NC BARGE  NE BARGE  SE BARGE  300t CRAWLER	1 16 4 0	155m vs 110m.
WBS REFERENCES: NPF-CON-P1-02-2000 NPF-CON-P1-02-2010	BARGE POSITION 1: INSTALL SOUTH WALL PILES	SW BARGE  NC BARGE  NE BARGE  SE BARGE	7	190m vs 150m
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P1-02-5030 NPF-CON-P1-02-5040	BARGE POSITION 6: INSTALL NORTH PILES	O30  BARGE  PILE NORTH WALL  WBS: NPF-CON-P1-02-5040  NC BARGE  NE BARGE  SE BARGE	1 20	190m vs 180m, Comparable to present situation
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P1-02-5050 NPF-CON-P1-02-5060 NPF-CON-P1-02-5070	BARGE POSITION 7: INSTALL NORTH PILES	TORAGE BARGE  NPF-CON-P1-02-5060 NPF-CON-P1-02-5070 MOVE BARGE TO POSITION 7 WBS: NPF-CON-P1-02-508 SW BARGE  PILE NORTH WALL WBS: NPF-CON-P1-02-50 NC BARGE NE BARGE  NE BARGE SE BARGE	21	190m vs 140m
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P1-02-6000 NPF-CON-P1-02-6020	BARGE POSITION 8: INSTALL TEMPORAR Y EAST WALL	PILE TEMPORARY EAST WALL: WALL: WAS: NPF-CON-P1-02-6020 NC ARGE NE BARGE TON SE BARGE REDITION	1 13	185m vs 85m
	STORAGE OF BARGES DURING REMAINDE R OF PHASE 1	SW BARGE  PERMANENT NAVIGATION LIGHT IN TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR PHASE 2  NC BARGE  NC BARGE  NE BARGE  SE BARGE	7.5 months	190m vs 170m

WBS REFERENCE:	OFFLOAD	SC BARGE CLASS VESSEL.	1	190m vs
NPF-CON-P2-03-1000 NPF-CON-P2-03-1010	COMMERCI AL SHIP 2	NC BARGE NE BARGE	7	170m
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P1-12-1010 NPF-CON-P1-12-1020 NPF-CON-P1-12-1030	COMPLETI ON OF PHASE 1	P2-03-1000  SE BARGE  HANDOVER OF NPFFI AT THE ND OF PHASE 1. WBS: NPF-CON-P1-12-10  NC BARGE  NE BARGE  SE BARGE	0 0 6	190m vs 170m
Phase 2				
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-01-1020 NPF-CON-P2-01-2010 NPF-CON-P2-01-3010	START OF PHASE 2: PREPARE NC, NE & SE BARGES	NPFFI NPF-CON-P2-0	18 40 52	New quay operational. Barges no longer used. 190m vs 190m
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-01-1030 NPF-CON-P2-03-1040 NPF-CON-P2-08-1000 NPF-CON-P2-08-1010 NPF-CON-P2-08-1020	INSTALL LINKSPAN BRIDGE & PONTOON	SULIVANS TO VACAT PONTOON WBS: NPF-CON-P2-08-101 NE BARGE SW BARGE SE BARGE  L-08-1000 MOVE SW BARGE TO LIFTING	1 2 5 1	Sulivans pontoons to be moved to new location, linkspan bridge, installed and tested
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-03-1050 NPF-CON-P2-08-1030 NPF-CON-P2-08-1050 NPF-CON-P2-08-1130 NPF-CON-P2-10-3000	BARGE POSITION 9:PILE NORTH PILES	SC BARGE SW BARGE NE BARGE SE BARGE SE BARGE	18 10 2 5 23	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-01-2020 NPF-CON-P2-03-3000 NPF-CON-P2-03-3010	BARGE POSITION 10:PILE SOUTH PILES	SC BARGE SW BARGE NE BARGE N-P2-03-3010	6 1 25	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate

WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-03-3020 NPF-CON-P2-10-2000	REMOVE RORO BARGE LINKSPAN	SC BARGE  NE BARGE  SW B  REMOVE RAMP SECTIONS WBS: NPF - CON - P2 - 10 - 2000  SE BARGE	5	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-01-3015 NPF-CON-P2-03-3030 NPF-CON-P2-03-3040 NPF-CON-P2-10-3010	BARGE POSITION 11: INSTALL SOUTH PILES	INSTALL SOUTH WALL WBS: NPF-CON-P2-03-3040  RORO BARGE TO BE REMOVED BEFORE NE BARGE CAN BE MOVED FROM FIPASS	6 1 6 8	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-01-2040 NPF-CON-P2-01-3030 NPF-CON-P2-03-1060 NPF-CON-P2-03-1070,	BARGE POSITION 12:INSTALL NORTH PILES	SC BARGE SW	7 7 1 20	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-03-2000 NPF-CON-P2-03-2010	BARGE POSITION 13:INSTALL EAST PILES	PILE FAST WALL WBS: NPF-CON-P2-03-2010  MOVE SW BARGE TO POSITION 13.  WBS: NPF-CON-P2-03-2000		New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-03-2020 NPF-CON-P2-01-4010	REMOVE DOLPHIN PILES 5 & 6.	MAVIGATION LIGHT INSTALLED  MOVE SW BARGE. WBS: NPF-CON-P2-03-2020  REMOVE DOLPHINS 5 & 6. WBS: NPF-CON-P2-01-4010	10	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-2020	REMOVE RAMP & LINKSPAN	>40m Sc BA	5	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate

WBS_REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-2030	REMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 5	NBS: NPF-CON-P2-10-2030	5	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS_REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-2040	REMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 4	NEMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 4.  WBS: NPF-CON-P2-10-2040		New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS_REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-2050	REMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 3	REMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 3.  SC BARGE WBS: NPF-CON-P2-10-2050	5	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-2060	REMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 2	SC BARGE	5	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-2070	REMOVE BRIDGE SECTION 1	SC BARGE	5	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-01-1060 NPF-CON-P2-10-4000	REMOVE CAISSON SECTION 5	CUT SUPPORTS AND BASE OF PONTOON 5 AND LIFT OUT SECTIONS.  WBS: NPF-CON-P2-01-1060  SC BARGE  OUT SUPPORTS AND BASE OF PONTOON 5 AND LIFT OUT SECTIONS.  WBS: NPF-CON-P2-10-4000	7	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate

WBS_REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-4010	REMOVE CAISSON SECTION 4	CUT SUPPORTS AND BASE OF PONTOON 4 AND LIFT OUT SECTIONS. WBS: NPF-CON-P2-10-4010	7	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate
WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-4020  WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-4030  WBS REFERENCE: NPF-CON-P2-10-4040	REMOVE CAISSON SECTION 3, SECTION 2, SECTION 1	PONTOON 3 AND LIFT OUT SECTIONS. WBS: NPF-CON-P2-10-4020  >40m  >C BARGE	7 7 7	New quay 190m vs 190m Passage for Sulivans >20m wide. Adequate

# **Appendix A - Construction Phasing Drawings**

