

Case Study 1: Inverbain Hydro-Electric Scheme, Shieldaig, Wester Ross

WJM were first instructed by Npower Renewables Limited in 2003 to start legal work for the Inverbain Scheme, which involved three separate landowners.

The Scheme is a run-of-river Hydro-Electric Scheme, comprising an intake weir (constructed on land owned by two separate landowners) a large capacity buried pipeline and a Power House building housing the turbine, which generates the electricity. Finally, water is returned to the river by means of a 'tailrace' after exiting the Power House.

WJM drafted and negotiated three separate, but connected, Option Agreements with the three landowners, tailoring the Agreement so that all three dovetailed and ensured that the rights and responsibilities of the Developer and the three owners were properly balanced and clarified.

Once planning permission was obtained, WJM drafted and completed three separate Lease Agreements, one for each landowner, ensuring that these complied fully with the Developer's requirements and that provisions dealing with matters as diverse as the rental payments and arrangements for reinstating the ground at the end of the Leases, were fully consistent and acceptable to all parties.

All other legal formalities were attended to, allowing the construction works to proceed. Inverbain has now been fully commissioned and is making a substantial contribution to Scotland's green energy targets.



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