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5 July 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 June 2017 in which you requested the following information:

'All correspondence and final agreement conditions for the granting of permission to MV Huskyan/Emily Turton to carry out diving on the protected war graves of HMS Hampshire and HMS Vanguard'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds some information in scope of your request. In response to your request for 'all correspondence' in relation to granting permission to MV Huskyan/Emily Turton to dive on the site of the HMS Vanguard war grave, copies of all correspondence in scope of your request can be found as attachments to this letter. As the copies of correspondence provided were used for internal methods of communication and were not intended for public distribution, these documents have been redacted to remove any personal information in accordance with section 40(2) Personal Data of the FOI Act.

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With regard to your request for information on granting permission to MV Huskyan and Emily Turton to dive on the site of the HMS Hampshire wargrave, the Department holds no information in scope of your request.

Under section 16 – Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance - of the Act, you may find it useful to know that the licence for the HMS Hampshire dive was granted to another individual who utilised the services of MV Huskylan to conduct the expedition.

In relation to your request for the final agreement conditions for the MV Huskylan and Emily Turton to dive at the site of the HMS Vanguard wargrave, whilst the Ministry of Defence holds a copy of the HMS Vanguard Project Brief, in which the final agreement conditions are set out, this document falls within the scope of exemption 22 – Information intended for Future Publication – of the Act.

Section 22(1)(a) states that a public authority is exempt from the duty to communicate information when the requested information is held with the intention of future publication by the authority or any other person, at the time the request for the information was made, at some future date (whether determined or not). As this is a qualified exemption the Department is required to conduct a public interest test and the conclusion from this is that the information is to be included within the official report of the VANGUARD survey to be produced by MV HUSKYAN and ORCA Marine and will be available to download via the University of Dundee website within the next 12 months. Releasing information in advance of the official report would set an undesirable precedent and may risk inaccurate information being made public without the supporting evidence provided in the final report.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

To: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Deputy Comd Sec
Navy Command

From: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
3rd Sector Heritage
Navy Command

Sept 16

**PROPOSED DIVING SURVEY OF THE EXTERIOR AND UNMANNED REMOTE
SURVEY OF HMS VANGUARD (1909)**

Issue

1. A request to approve two licences to conduct a diving survey of the exterior of the wreck and conduct an unmanned remote survey of VANGUARD, which is protected under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (PMRA) as a controlled site.

Recommendation

2. Deputy Comd Sec is invited to **note**:

a) The proposed surveys would give the Royal Navy a strong, realistic understanding of the current condition of the VANGUARD wreck site and would come from a reliable source that recognises the rules and regulations in relation to PMRA;

b) That the survey and dive will take place close to the wreck's 100th anniversary on 9 July 2017 and will be conducted in a respectful manner;

and to **agree**:

c) the draft licence at Annex A to undertake a diving survey of the exterior of the wreck VANGUARD, and;

d) the draft licence at Annex B to undertake an unmanned remote survey of VANGUARD.

Background

3. VANGUARD was a St Vincent-class dreadnought battleship built for the Royal Navy in 1909. Aside from participating in the Battle of Jutland in May 1916, her service during World War I generally consisted of routine patrols and training in the North Sea. On 9 July 1917 she was destroyed by two magazine explosions while she was anchored in Scapa Flow. There was a loss of 804 men and there were two survivors. She was designated under the PMRA in 2012 as a controlled site. This is the area situated within 200 metres of the point at 58°51.400'N, 03°06.405'W (Scapa Flow).

Proposal aims

4. The two licences would be awarded to:

a) xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx- Maritime Archaeologist, ORCA Marine, University of the Highlands and the Islands Archaeology Institute, Orkney College. To undertake an unmanned remote survey of the exterior of the wreck.

b) Ms Emily Turton, Commercial Skipper, owner of Huskylan Marine, technical wreck diver and WWI wreck researcher and xxxxxxxxxxxx owner of Huskylan Marine, technical wreck diver and diving instructor. To undertake a diving survey of the exterior of the wreck.

5. The diving survey will aim to take extensive high resolution, detailed photographs and film footage to build on the footage taken in the remote survey. This will enable the assessment of the current condition of any exposed munitions on the wreck site of VANGUARD and any possible danger that they may pose, and provide content, imagery and recommendations for updated memorial displays.

6. DES Salvage & Marine Operations (SANMO) recommends giving approval to this project as it's a properly scoped research proposal put forward by a reputable body, (ORCA Marine is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands.) Further to this it will be non-intrusive and will potentially provide useful information on the condition of the wreck and the ammunition remaining on it at minimal cost to the MOD. It should also provide a useful insight into the general decay of the wreck which is likely to prove valuable to their understanding of the condition of the wider inventory of wrecks from this period. Given that it is non-intrusive and the ammunition will not be handled or recovered, SANMO does not anticipate any safety related issues in respect of the proposal.

7. The licences however do make it clear that the licensees accepts full responsibility for the risk associated with the survey and dive.

8. The licences have been approved with Central Legal Services.

Financial implications

9. There are no direct financial costs for the MOD associated with this dive however an MOD representative from SANMO is expected to be present on the site for at least part of the survey to assure that the dive is properly conducted which will incur modest T&S costs. In addition to this, the MOD would need to survey VANGUARD in the future and by granting the requested licences the site will be surveyed at a minimal cost.

Presentational

10. There does not appear to be an association for HMS VANGUARD (1909), however there is a Veterans' Association that would appear to relate to the VANGUARD built in 1941 in addition to the national Submariners Association

recognised by the MOD. Both associations may show an interest concerning this dive.

11. The following reactive statement has been agreed with Navy Command Media and Communications:

The MoD has granted permission for the University of the Highlands and the Islands Archaeology Institute in Orkney to undertake a programme of non-intrusive dives on the wreck site of HMS VANGUARD, which sank on 9 July 1917. These dives will take place between September 2016 and February 2017 and will provide a useful assessment to the current condition of the wreck site. HMS Vanguard was destroyed by two magazine explosions while she was anchored at Scapa Flow with a loss of 804 men and two survivors. The wreck is protected under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 and the timing of these dives will roughly coincide with the 100th anniversary of her sinking and will be carried out respectfully.

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From: Huskylan Charters XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 02 September 2016 10:22
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: HMS Vanguard
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

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Dear XXXXXXXXXXX:

I hope this email finds you well and that it is ok for me to contact you again. I wanted to check whether my email of 9th August arrived and didn't get quarantined somewhere.

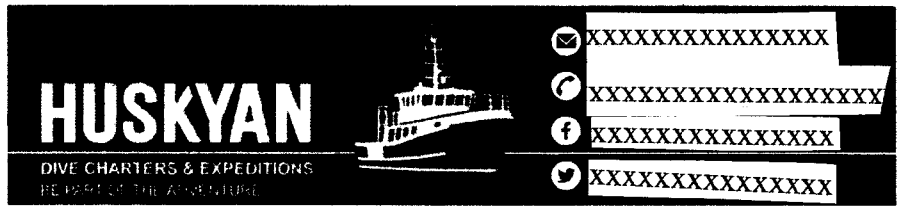
I would also like to ask if you think that the separate licences will be possible and if, on initial consideration, our proposal for the timetabling of the diver survey might be acceptable.

Since our last correspondence I have contacted the Orkney Harbour Authority to let them know about the application and our hopes to be able to conduct the survey. They were very supportive but highlighted that given the proximity of the wreck to the Flotta Oil terminal a degree of flexibility on the diving dates would also be beneficial in order to avoid a conflict with terminal traffic.

Please do let me know if I can help with anything further just know and I look forward to hearing from you,

Emily

Emily Turton.XXXXXXXXXX
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From: Emily Turton XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2016 11:43

To: "NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGEXX"XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: Re: HMS Vanguard

DearXXXXXXXXXX:

Many thanks for the email, I am really pleased to be able to email you directly. I would, indeed like to have the remote survey and diving survey of the Vanguard licenced separately if that would be possible.

The complete Vanguard project is a merger of a diving project and a remote survey project. The diving side of things to be lead by my partner XXX and I and the remote survey by ORCA. When we discussed bringing both projects together in the initial planning stages we felt that the overall results would benefit from the collaboration. However, if you are able to licence both parts separately I think it would be the best way forward, both in the management of the project, the data collection and the protection of the site but most importantly in making sure that the terms of the licence are adhered to during the project but also afterwards. I am concerned that managing the imagery gathered during the diving survey needs to be overseen by someone directly involved in the diving and that it is appropriate that that person is responsible for that imagery. It would make sense for XXXXX and the ORCA team to have responsibility for the remote survey data and for me to adopt responsibility for the data and imagery collected during the diver surveys. We would then organise sharing of data, as appropriate, between the teams to create the overall picture of the wreck.

In the application we have requested to be able to dive for 30 days spread out over this winter in order to cover the main wreck site and extensive debris field. That said, if it were possible to extend this to the 60 day window I think it would be helpful. Following the Hampshire expedition we have identified that a planned revisit would have been beneficial following analysis of the initial data collected. We anticipate that with a site such as HMS Vanguard this will prove crucial. Therefore, moving forward we would like to conduct the diving survey of the Vanguard as such:

- 20th - 27th November – preliminary survey of the main wreck site using the photography and photogrammetry survey techniques utilised in the Hampshire project
 - A team will be assembled for this initial 8 day expedition
- Various days over the winter: Debris field survey.
 - This would be conducted by a small team, namely XXXXXXXXX a colleagueXXXXXXXXXX and myself who are resident in:XXXXXX. Sizeable targets in the debris field will be identified and dived as weather allows. The data gathered will then be processed by the photogrammetry team.
- January/February 2017: 2 week intensive survey.
 - The dive team will be assembled from around the world and will include many of the Hampshire team members. The team worked incredibly well together and we hope to conduct future projects together.

I hope you enjoy the 3D moving imagery of the Hampshire – there will be more to come to you as we process the data. The initial analysis of all of the data is proving incredibly interesting and we are in the process of writing the report. We believe we have identified where the mine would have hit. I very much look forward to sharing these results with you.

Do let me know if I can help with anything else just now and I look forward to hearing from you.

Emily

Emily Turton &XXXXXXXXXX
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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGEXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 14 September 2016 14:40
To: 'Huskyan Charters'
Subject: RE: Vanguard Commemorations

Hello XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Just to make you aware your email has come through, my last response explains the position on commemoration events however now I have been able to read your email the best person to contact would beXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX His email address is -XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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I just wanted to also say thank you for checking with us on this matter J

Kind regards,

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From: Huskyan ChartersXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 14 September 2016 14:34
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGEXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: Vanguard Commemorations

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Hello againXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

I was wondering how I might find out if any commemoration events are planned with the MOD or Admiralty for the centenary of the sinking of HMS Vanguard. I thought it best to enquire with you first before storming ahead up here and stepping on any toes. I would very much like to be involved in marking the centenary.

Can you offer some guidance?

Emily

Emily Turton &XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 14 September 2016 13:50
To: NAVY NRCSNI-NRC XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160914 - HMS Vanguard

Hello XXXXXXXX:

You're welcome. Thank you for letting me know and for getting back to me so quickly ☺

Kind regards,

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From: NAVY NRCSNI-NRC XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 14 September 2016 13:48
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Cc: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR TL :XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160914 - HMS Vanguard

Hi XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Thanks for this and keeping me in the loop. The only commemoration I am aware of will be 9th Jul. We are looking at having a ship there etc. Nothing that I've heard of in advance of this date.

All well life remains busy!

Best

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE :XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 01:27 PM GMT Standard Time
To: NAVY NRCSNI-NRC :XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Cc: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR TL XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: 20160914 - HMS Vanguard

Hello .XXXXXXXXXXXX

Hope you are well, attached are two licences which we have agreed for dives on the wreck of HMS Vanguard.

I am just wondering if you or your contacts know of any commemoration events that will be taking place during the licence period of September 2016 – February 2017? As her 100th anniversary is coming up on 9 July 2017.

We haven't heard of any but just want to make sure so we can inform the licensees.

Kind regards,

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From: NAVY SEC-1 POLSEC 6A XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 19 January 2017 14:21
To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: 20170119 - HMS Vanguard
Attachments: Signed C_003_2016-Vanguard(ET).pdf; Signed C_004_2016-Vanguard(SH).pdf

Tracking: **Recipient** **Delivery**
DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Delivered: 19/01/2017 14:21

Hello XXXXXXXX

Hope all is well with you, with regards to your email about the HMS Vanguard survey please see the attached and email exchange below.

licence C/004/2016 does not require an MOD representative to be invited however licence C/003/2016 does and XXXXXXXX should have been in contact with you.

Kind regards,

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX *Navy Sec-3rd Sector Heritage*, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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From: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 02 September 2016 07:51
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160901- Vanguard licence

Hi XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

All well here thanks, I'd actually prefer if you swapped things round so the stipulation for the SALMO presence was for the unmanned remote survey element. We tend to use ROV's when working on wrecks and, because it will have a live video feed back to the surface, there will be more opportunity for us to get some useful information out of the survey (basically we'll be able to point them to the bits that interest us as we're going along.) Apart from that it all looks good.

I used to know XXXXXXXXXXXXX predecessor quite well from the times we've been up to Orkney to work on *Royal Oak*. I've not met XXXXXX herself but have spoken to her on the phone, happy for you to pass on my contact details.

Hope all's good with you?

Many thanks,

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Sent: 01 September 2016 14:42
To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Subject: 20160901- Vanguard licence

Hello:XXXXXXXX

Hope you are well; please see the attached which are the two licences that I have created to put forward for approval.

On licence C/003/2016 paragraph 8 I have put – ‘An MOD representative from Salvage & Marine Operations will be present on the site for part of the survey.’

Whereas on licence C/004/2016 I haven’t made this a stipulation as it’s an unmanned survey.

The reason for two licences is because licensee (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX), will not be directly involved with all diving operations.

Can you please confirm your happy with this? Or if you would like it to be a stipulation on both licences?

Once discussed with the licensee(s), are you happy for me to pass your contact details on to them so arrangements can be made for the MOD representative to be present at the dive? (I will also provide you with their contact details)

Kind regards,

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From: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Sent: 24 August 2016 16:13
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hi (XXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

Will do, at some point we’ll need to approach you for permission to conduct work on her ourselves!

Cheers,

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XXXXXXXXXXXXX - **Wreck Researcher** | CSS | Salvage & Marine Operations
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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 24 August 2016 15:57
To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hello XXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email below, it's useful to know. I will make sure to discuss making this a standard stipulation with XXXXX and XXXX when they are back from leave.

NOT IN SCOPE

Many thanks and kind regards,

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From: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 24 August 2016 15:45
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hi XXXXXXXXX

It's a duty of care issue. As a rule the MOD would not usually grant permission for work to be undertaken on a PMRA wreck and even in exceptional circumstances, such as this, where the requesting body has demonstrated the value of their proposal we would want some assurance that it is properly conducted. I think, if more such requests materialise, we should make this a standard stipulation for the granting of permission.

NOT IN SCOPE

NOT IN SCOPE

Many thanks,

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX> **Wreck Researcher | CSS | Salvage & Marine Operations**
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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 24 August 2016 15:14
To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hello XXXXXXXX

Hope you are well; Just for my own information, why do you suggest to have an MOD representative present at the dive? Is it because of the potential of live ordinance or for another reason?

Kind Regards,

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From: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 10 August 2016 12:47
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hi XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

As it's wreck related it can come through me as a POC. Chances are it will either be me or one of our salvage officers attending if it gets approval.

Many thanks,

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XXXXXXXXXXXX- Wreck Researcher | CSS | Salvage & Marine Operations

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sent: 10 August 2016 12:42
To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hello XXXXXXXX

We are currently processing this, would you be able to provide me with a name of someone from SALMO that I can contact about being the MOD representative?

Kind regards,

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From: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Sent: 05 August 2016 09:22
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hi XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

No worries, grateful if you could let me know the decision when it's been made.

Kind regards,

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX – Wreck Researcher | CSS | Salvage & Marine Operations

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Sent: 04 August 2016 10:39

To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Good morning XXXXXXXXX

Thank you for your email below and your advice on this – it's useful to know.

Kind Regards,

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From: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Sent: 27 July 2016 09:15

To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Subject: RE: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hi XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Thanks for this and sorry for the delay in responding, a combination of being off sick and then away on holiday...
From our perspective the *Vanguard* wreck site is of considerable interest and one about which we know very little.

NOT IN SCOPE

I would advise giving approval to this project. It is a properly scoped research proposal put forward by a reputable body (ORCA Marine is part of the University of the Highlands and Islands.)

NOT IN SCOPE

What I would suggest, if permission is given, is that a stipulation is made that a MOD representative is present on the site for at least part of the survey. SALMO has considerable experience of working in Scapa Flow and should be able to provide a person if given sufficient notice of the proposed dates.

Many thanks,

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX – Wreck Researcher | CSS | Salvage & Marine Operations

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)
Sent: 15 July 2016 14:00
To: DES SANMO-WRKRES-SO2 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: 20160715 - HMS Vanguard proposal

Hello (XXXXXXXXXX)

Hope you are well; could you please take a look at the attached proposal to carry out a remote and diver survey on HMS Vanguard

At this time we are minded not to grant a licence for this request as it is a controlled site under PMRA but we would like to get your/ DE&S view on this and the following points-

- would it be useful for DE&S to know the current state of the site itself?

However, our concern at this point is we feel nervous about granting access to a site where we know there is unstable materials.

- what is your views on allowing people in the vicinity of the ordinance?

Kind Regards,

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From: XXX
Sent: 14 September 2016 14:51
To: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: RE: 20160912 - HMS Vanguard licence
Attachments: Signed C_004_2016-Vanguard_signed.pdf

Hey XXXXXXXX

Thanks, Please find the signed licence attached,

All the best,

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From: NAVY SEC-3RD SECTOR HERITAGE XXX
Sent: 12 September 2016 15:38
To: XXX
Subject: 20160912 - HMS Vanguard licence

Hello XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Hope you are well; please see the attached this is your signed copy of the licence to undertake an unmanned remote survey of the exterior of the wreck HMS Vanguard.

In the licence paragraph 8 we have a stipulation that an MOD representative from Salvage & Marine Operations will be present on the site for part of the survey.

The person you will need to contact in relation to this is –

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Contact number-XXXXXXXXXXXX

Email address-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Please could you sign the licence and send me the signed copy.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. However I will be out of office from 16 September – 26 September.

Many thanks and kind regards,

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Navy Sec-3rd Sector Heritage

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**LICENCE GRANTED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE PROTECTION OF
MILITARY REMAINS ACT 1986**

Licence reference No C/004/2016

Licence

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986, the Secretary of State for Defence ("the Secretary of State") grants this licence to the licensee for the activities set out below in respect of the controlled site.

Licensee

2. The licensee is ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ORCA & ORCA Marine, ~~XX~~.

The controlled site

3. The licence is granted in respect of the area designated as a controlled site under article 3(b) (iii) of the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (Designation of Vessels and Controlled Sites) Order 2012. This is the area situated within 200 metres of the point at 58°51.400'N, 03°06.405'W which contains the remains of the vessel known as HMS VANGUARD that sank on 9 July 1917.

The activities authorised

4. The licensee is authorised, subject to the conditions below, to undertake an unmanned remote survey of the exterior of the wreck HMS VANGUARD.

The conditions

5. The conditions related to the assessment are as follows:

- (a) The licensee shall not:
 - (i) recover any artefacts from the wreck site;
 - (ii) tamper with, damage, move, remove or unearh any human remains;
 - (iii) film or photograph any human remains.
 - (iv) enter any hatch or other opening in the wreck.
- (b) Any film or photographic material taken during an assessment will remain the property of the licensee, but it will be shared with the

MOD and other third parties if requested. The material will not be made available commercially.

(c) Any items that are inadvertently recovered on this assessment must be reported and handed over to the Secretary of State. The assessment set out in paragraph 4 must take place within the licence period set out in paragraph 10;

(d) Navy Command is to be notified 7 days prior to the assessment taking place.

6. Live ordinance may be present at the controlled site. The licensee is responsible for ensuring all necessary and appropriate safety procedures are implemented and adhered to. MOD shall not in any event be liable for any personal injury (including death) or for damage to any property arising or in connection with this licence if live ordinance is disturbed.

7. The licensee shall remain solely responsible for any personal injury (including death) or damage to property sustained by any employee, agent or third party acting under and in connection with this licence and shall indemnify the MOD for any such liability.

8. An MOD representative from Salvage & Marine Operations will be present on the site for part of the survey.

Duration of the licence

9. This licence remains valid for the period granted unless revoked by the Secretary of State.

Licence period

10. This licence will be valid from 14 September 2016 – 28 February 2017.

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On Behalf of Secretary of State.

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Licensee

**LICENCE GRANTED UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE PROTECTION OF
MILITARY REMAINS ACT 1986**

Licence reference No C/003/2016

Licence

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986, the Secretary of State for Defence ("the Secretary of State") grants this licence to the licensees for the activities set out below in respect of the controlled site.

Licensees

2. The licensee(s) are Ms Emily Turton and ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ Huskylan Dive Charters, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

The controlled site

3. The licence is granted in respect of the area designated as a controlled site under article 3(b) (iii) of the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (Designation of Vessels and Controlled Sites) Order 2012. This is the area situated within 200 metres of the point at 58°51.400'N, 03°06.405'W which contains the remains of the vessel known as HMS VANGUARD that sank on 9 July 1917.

The activities authorised

4. The licensees are authorised, subject to the conditions below, to undertake a diving survey of the exterior of the wreck HMS VANGUARD.

The conditions

5. The conditions related to the assessment are as follows:

- (a) The licensees shall not:
 - (i) recover any artefacts from the wreck site;
 - (ii) tamper with, damage, move, remove or unearth any human remains;
 - (iii) film or photograph any human remains;
 - (iv) enter any hatch or other opening in the wreck.
- (b) Any film or photographic material taken during an assessment will remain the property of the licensees, but it will be shared with the MOD and other third parties if requested. No such material will be made

(c) Any items that are inadvertently recovered on this assessment must be reported and handed over to the Secretary of State. The assessment set out in paragraph 4 must take place within the licence period set out in paragraph 9;

(d) Navy Command must be notified 7 days prior to the assessment taking place.

6. Live ordinance may be present at the controlled site. The licensees are responsible for ensuring all necessary and appropriate safety procedures are implemented and adhered to. MOD shall not in any event be liable for any personal injury (including death) or for damage to any property arising or in connection with this licence if live ordinance is disturbed.

7. The licensees shall remain solely responsible for any personal injury (including death) or damage to property sustained by any employee, agent or third party acting under and in connection with this licence and shall indemnify the MOD for any such liability.

Duration of the licence

8. This licence remains valid for the period granted unless revoked by the Secretary of State.

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