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Please see below statement from Bakkafrost Scotland.

A Bakkafrost Scotland spokesperson said:

“Bakkafrost Scotland can confirm the successful and safe completion of the initial recovery stage of venting gas from the submerged feeding barge at the Portree farm site, which was damaged during Storm ‘Arwen’ in November 2021.

“Throughout the recovery process we have been working closely with the relevant authorities including SEPA, Marine Coast Guards and Fire Brigade, alongside other experts, and we are now progressing to the next stage of the operation which will include lifting the barge.

“An exclusion zone was in place as a precaution throughout the venting operation and a ‘Notice to Mariners’ was issued on 5 August to ensure all affected were advised of the incident.

“The relevant authorities are being kept informed of progress and we will work with the recovery experts to ensure a safe conclusion to the operation.

“Bakkafrost Scotland is fully committed to ensuring public safety in relation to all of its operations, vessels and equipment.”

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