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Black Rock Hydro Scheme

Construction

Construction of the scheme began in July 2010; advance tree felling took place in April and May 2010, with completion scheduled for late 2011. See progress in photographs below:

Tree Felling



Spring 2010 – felling with harvester in Assynt Forest



Spring 2010 – after felling and thinning in Evanton Wood

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Intake Construction



July 2010 – diversion commences at the intake



July 2010 – excavation works at the intake



October 2010 – intake base poured



December 2010 – Frozen intake in the depths of winter

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Pipeline Construction



August 2010 – stripping easement approaching pipebridge



September 2010 – Pipes arrive at Inverness Harbour



October 2010 – Pipelaying in trench boxes



September 2010 – The Rock Hawk in operation in Assynt Fields

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Pipebridge Construction



October 2010 – Fixing steel at the north pier



December 2010 – Completed north pier

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Powerhouse Construction



November 2010 – Commencing excavation at powerhouse



September 2010 – Powerhouse area from above