

PRESS RELEASE

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Fjord1 to appeal Oslo District Court ruling

Oslo District Court has lifted the interim injunction which, since July, has enabled Fjord1 to continue its operations in the Geirangerfjord. Fjord1 disagrees with the decision and will appeal the ruling.

The company maintains that there are still unresolved issues relating to both factual errors and unequal treatment in the authorities' handling of the case.

The background to the case is that on 8 May 2026, the Norwegian Maritime Authority granted Fjord1 a temporary exemption from the zero-emissions requirement for the ferries MF Veøy and MF Bolsøy. Both vessels have protected status granted by the Directorate for Cultural Heritage and a long history of service on the Geirangerfjord. The exemption made it possible to maintain operations until the end of October 2026 while the application for a permanent exemption was being processed.

The temporary exemption was subsequently revoked by the Ministry of Climate and Environment following a complaint from a competitor.

Fjord1 still maintains that the case raises questions of principle relating to both incorrect information and unfair discrimination. Among other things, the company has pointed out that the Ministry based its decision on incorrect information regarding the feasibility of zero-emission shipping in the Geirangerfjord, and that Fjord1 has been treated differently from other operators who have been granted exemptions in the area.

-We believe there are still key issues relating to both factual errors and unequal treatment that have not been clarified. We wish to have these issues further examined, and Fjord1 will therefore appeal the ruling, says Managing Director Geir Bruvik Mjelde.

Fjord1 takes note of the District Court's decision but disagrees with the assessments on which it is based. The company will therefore suspend operations on the route from Friday 4 September up to and including Thursday 10 September, whilst the case is pursued further through the legal system.

