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Dear Redacted Redacted

**West Loch Awe Timber Haul Route and Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Access
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Consent Number 0339011226**

Thank you for meeting me on 14th September. The purpose of the visit was to continue the post approval monitoring previously carried out by Redacted

During the visit we drove the length of WLATHR and were accompanied by Redacted
- RPS, Redacted -CA Blackwell and Redacted- SKM.

We discussed progress on the conditions and made reference to your compliance folder.

Forestry Commission Scotland is satisfied that the following EIA Conditions have been satisfied or will continue to be monitored as the development proceeds:

Condition 1 – To start construction within 5 years of the date of consent – Condition met

Condition 2 – No road construction to be carried out after 10 years of the date of consent.

We discussed the likely completion date of work on the road to be end of calendar year 2012. This will include the re profiling of the road for forestry use. I would be grateful if you could inform me when the road line is complete. - Ongoing

Condition 3 – Methods of construction are to be in accordance with the ES. - Ongoing

Condition 4 - The Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) Regulations 2005 (CAR). Regulation will be ongoing, however, copies of the SEPA CAR registrations along the WLATHR have been provided. - Ongoing



Condition 5 – Private Water Supply Survey – SEPA have confirmed that they are satisfied that there will be no significant risk to private water supplies (after being passed a copy of the Private water Supply Survey). On my visit, we discussed that a Rapid Response Plan is in place and there is evidence of this having been deployed in relation to the Hydra 46 spillage at Allt Garbh (Sub catchment 10) see Water Quality Monitoring Report 7. - Ongoing

Condition 6 – Construction Method Statement. SEPA have deemed the CMS to be adequate. - Condition met

Condition 7 – The construction compound is not included as part of the consent. You informed me that planning permission had been obtained for the compound. - Condition met

Condition 8 – Archaeological Mitigation Plan. WoSAS have confirmed that the Method statement contains adequate measures for dealing with archaeological assets. On my visit last week there was clear evidence of archaeological sites being roped off and Redacted and Redacted were able to confirm that all site staff were aware of limitations the blue ropes indicated. - Ongoing

Condition 9 – Argyll and Bute Council approval for public road works. This has already been satisfied as part of condition 6.4 of the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Consent. - Condition met

Condition 10 – Traffic Management Plan. The TMP has been agreed with Argyll and Bute Council. Implementation is ongoing. - Ongoing

Condition 11 – Ecological Clerk of Works The ECoW was agreed with Argyll and Bute Council and SNH. On my visit last week we discussed a list of outstanding issues produced by Redacted in his email of 22.8.12, evidence that the ECoW is inspecting and giving recommendations. We discussed that action on a number of these recommendations were in hand. - Ongoing

Condition 12 – Micrositing +/- 25m with ECoW approval. Over 25m requires FCS approval. As the road line is now in place there will be no further micrositing requests. However, there is evidence on file that requests have been made where appropriate e.g. Avich Bridge and River Liever micrositing- Condition met

Condition 13 – Detailed design of the Avich Bridge. This condition was discharged in email from Redacted dated 23.4.12. - Condition met

Condition 14 – Water monitoring/aquatic environment. At my visit last week, we discussed that water monitoring reports were being forwarded to FCS. You have commissioned the post work survey on fish populations and habitat and we can expect that report within 6 months of the date of this letter. - Ongoing



Condition 15 – No use of Borrow Pit 27. We drove past this borrow pit and it had not been used.- Condition met

Condition 16 – No construction of eagle section of track during breeding season. This Condition was lifted following an email communication with Redacted on 4th May 2012
Discharged

Condition 17 – No use of the eagle section during breeding season (timber haulage). I have confirmed today with FE that this restriction is included in their Forest Design Plan. This condition relates to a breeding pair being present -Ongoing

Condition 18 – Use of the Eagle section for wind farm construction to be limited to 2 return convoys. This condition relates to the potential for general golden eagle disturbance and is not dependant on a breeding pair being present - Ongoing

Condition 19 – Within eagle section no flashing lights or stops. This condition relates to the potential for general golden eagle disturbance and is not dependant on a breeding pair being present - ongoing

Condition 20 – No use of eagle section one hour after sunrise and one hour after sunset. I have confirmed with FE that this restriction is included in their Forest Design Plan. This condition relates to general golden eagle disturbance and is not dependant on a breeding pair being present - Ongoing

Condition 21 – No night use of the eagle section (apart from 1 wind farm construction return convoy). I have confirmed today with FE that this restriction is included in their Forest Design Plan. We discussed that there is currently no plan to undertake night time working - should this situation change then screening should be provided. This condition relates to general golden eagle disturbance and is not dependant on a breeding pair being present - Ongoing

Condition 22 – Area of forest to be retained (as shown on map 1 on the consent). I have confirmed with FE that this restriction is included in their Forest Design Plan.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above conditions further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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