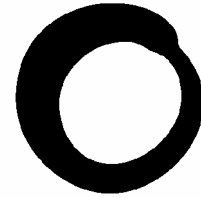




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20th April 2006.

For the attention of: Dr. L. J. Seiderer, Marine Ecological Surveys Ltd,
24A Monmouth Place, Bath BA1 2AY.

Dear Dr. Seiderer, Areas 202 and 436 : ES Update and Licence Extension Application.

Thank you for your letter of 19th April 2006 which replies to our submission to Marine Ecological Surveys Ltd dated 26th February 2006. We are currently considering the detail of your reply.

However to assist our consideration, may we please seek clarification from you on your statement on the second page of your reply – namely *“In an effort to meet your concerns, we have asked HR Wallingford to respond separately to your views on the potential impacts of offshore dredging on physical processes, including coastal erosion.”*

Accompanying your reply of 19th April there is a copy of a letter from HR Wallingford to Hanson Marine Aggregates Marine Ltd (HAML) dated 7th April 2006. This letter from HR Wallingford refers to comments made by MARINET in connection with this ES Update consultation. I have read the letter from HR Wallingford, and the reference made to MARINET would appear to apply to the submission made by Mr. Patrick Gowen, 17 Heath Crescent, Norwich, on behalf of MARINET. HR Wallingford’s comments do not appear to apply to the MARINET submission of 26th February made to MES Ltd.

Therefore will you please confirm that the letter of 7th April 2006 from HR Wallingford to HAML does not apply to the MARINET submission of 26th February 2006 to MES Ltd, and that HR Wallingford will be replying separately to this submission of 26th February 2006. If this is so, can you also please advise as to the status of the forthcoming reply from HR Wallingford with regard to the Government View procedure for permission to relicence Area 202 and surrender Area 436.

Yours sincerely

S. D. Eades
On behalf of
MARINET.