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28<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

For the attention of: Mr. D. C. Spooner, Regulatory Advisor (Marine Minerals Team),  
Marine and Fisheries Agency, 3-8 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH.

Dear Mr. Spooner, Marine Aggregate Dredging Licence : Area 401/2.

Thank you for your letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Your letter responds to our letter of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (copy enclosed). I am writing now in connection with this correspondence.

In our letters of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007 to yourself and your colleague, Nigel Bayliss, we specifically asked you to look at the scientific evidence which MARINET has presented to during the Government View procedure operating during the licence application, and the fact that we have received no response to the matters we have raised with your department in this regard.

Your reply of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007 offered no response to this request, and we must therefore assume that you have not done as we requested.

We continue to maintain that the scientific evidence which we presented during the GV procedure to both your department and the applicant and its consultants has not been properly evaluated, and that neither your department nor the applicant and its consultants has responded adequately in this matter.

Accordingly, we are now writing to enquire whether any appeal procedure exists regarding the determination of this licence for Area 401/2 and we would be grateful to receive your advice.

Yours sincerely

S. D. Eades  
On behalf of  
MARINET.