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8 November 2007

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Dear Mr Bell

Port of Tyne Authority Licence 31995/04/1 – Confined Disposal of Contaminated Dredge Material from the Port of Tyne docks to the sea at Souter Point

Thank you for your letter dated 6 November 2007 requesting information on the above trial.

I can confirm that the trial was indeed undertaken with the aim of establishing the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO), commencing in October 2004 and subject to rigorous annual monitoring in 2006 and in the summer of this year as part of the licence conditions.

The final monitoring report is still a work in progress, which we anticipate receiving from our independent consultants shortly, prior to submission and discussion with the licensing authority DEFRA and their scientific advisors CEFAS before the end of this year.

It is our intention to share our findings and outcomes of the trial at a stakeholder meeting, to be arranged as soon as possible following discussions and direction from DEFRA.

With respect to your request for copies of the post placement monitoring report I would advise the agreed protocol is to direct all such enquiries to:

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