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Dear Ms Campbell

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts

Planning application: P/12/0109/FUL

Discharge of planning conditions relating to exploration and pilot test development of coal bed methane, including use of drilling and production equipment and erection of 2.4 metre perimeter fencing.

Land North of Kersebrock Farm Falkirk.

Thank you for your consultation letter of 6 July 2012 in connection with the discharge of planning conditions 7 and 8 of the above approved consent. We have reviewed the submitted information and are satisfied that the issues in relation to our interests have been adequately addressed. We therefore have no concerns regarding the discharge of these conditions. Please note the advice below.

1. Impact on groundwater

- 1.1 We welcome the submission of the production well Method Statement and associated Monitoring Scheme proposals. Based on the information submitted, we can confirm that our concerns have been adequately addressed and we are satisfied that, with respect to our interests, Condition 7 of the approved consent can be discharged.

2. Buffer strip

- 2.1 While we did not specifically request a condition in relation to buffer strips, we are pleased to note that our recommendations have been taken into account in the site layout.
- 2.2 We note that the minimum width of the buffer strip will be no less than 5 metres at its closest point to the site boundary. While our [Guidance on the Water Framework Directive including river basin planning](#) recommends that buffer strips should be a minimum of 6 metres, we are satisfied in this instance with the proposed buffer design.

3. Regulatory requirements

- 3.1 Details of regulatory requirements and good practice advice for the applicant can be found on our website at www.sepa.org.uk/planning.aspx. If you are unable to find the advice you



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need for a specific regulatory matter, please contact a member of the operations team in your local SEPA office at:

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If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me by telephone on 0131-273-7332 or e-mail at planning.se@sepa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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