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Dear [REDACTED]

**THE WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011
ECTOSAN SEALICE TREATMENT TRIAL - ARDNISH**

At our recent liaison meeting with your colleagues held at our Ardnish site we discussed the possibility of carrying out a field trial at Ardnish involving the new medicine Ectosan. Trials carried out to date have demonstrated that the medicine shows very high levels of efficacy against sea lice with no adverse environmental impacts when the treatment is coupled with a proprietary purification system, which removes any detectable traces of medicinal residues prior to the release of the treatment water. It would be our intention to further support development studies by carrying out such a trial at Ardnish. This would also involve treating the treatment water in a scaled and equivalent purification system to remove any remaining medicine components prior to release.

As you are aware, sea lice treatment strategies have evolved from one which was based predominantly on medicinal control to a more balanced strategy, including the use of cleaner fish and physical removal, alongside the use of licensed medicines. Medicines however remain an important component of a balanced strategy and to maintain efficacy of treatment for each medicinal product and to prevent resistance, it is important that their use is rotated and that repeat treatments with the same active ingredient are minimised. However, the aquaculture industry currently has access to only a very limited number of medicinal treatments to treat salmon for the infestation of sea lice. It is therefore essential that innovation in new medicine development is supported including the need for their evaluation in carefully managed and controlled field trials.

We seek SEPA's support in carrying out such a trial involving Ectosan at our Ardnish site and I would request your advice as to how this can be carried out within the CAR regulatory framework.

Yours sincerely

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