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Dear

**THE HISTORIC BOAT COMPANY LIMITED (NOW DISSOLVED)
NOTICE OF DISCLAIMER OF BONA VACANTIA**

Thank you for your request dated 18 January 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). In it, you request:

- 1) The name and status of the person(s) who notified/confirmed to the office of the QLTR and Catherine Patricia Dyer, the existence and location of "the SS Spirit of the Tay (otherwise the Tay Steamer), understood to be presently situated at Dalerb, Loch Tay";
- 2) The name and status of the person(s) who brought the dissolution of the said The Historic Boat Company Limited to the notice of the office of the QLTR and subsequently to the notice of Catherine Patricia Dyer on the 15 August 2014; and
- 3) The name(s) and status of all persons, bodies, professions, societies, agencies, Commissioners, Ministers, legislature(s), judiciaries or entities of any kind and in any capacity; who communicated with, were consulted, advised or notified by the office of the QLTR leading/relating to the preparation, production and issuance of the above Notice of Disclaimer by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, Catherine Patricia Dyer, on the 30th June 2015.

In response to questions 1 and 2, I can confirm that the existence and general location of the vessel known as the "Spirit of the Tay" and the dissolution of the Historic Boat Company Limited (SC 235369, dissolved on 8 May 2009) was brought to the attention of this office by Forestry Commission Scotland ("FCS"), a part of the Scottish Government. This was carried out on FCS's behalf by their legal agents, Harper Macleod LLP.

In response to question 3, all direct external communication by this office prior to execution of the Notice of Disclaimer was with Harper Macleod LLP only. In addition, a survey of the vessel was commissioned on our and FCS's behalf and prepared by Murray, Cormack Associates.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you do have the right to ask us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to The QLTR, Scottish Government Building, Victoria Quay, 1B-Bridge, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ, or for requests sent by e-mail to coqltr@copfs.gsi.gov.uk.

The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, there is a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of FOISA.

Should you subsequently wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision on such an appeal, there is a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.