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Dear Kilfinan Community Council

Caladh Peatland Restoration Project

I am writing to you to inform you of Dalhanna Farming Company's intention to proceed with delivering a peatland restoration project.

We anticipate that the Caladh Peatland Restoration ('the Project') restoration work will commence on October 1st, 2025, and will span two phases. Phase 1 is expected to run for approximately 15 weeks finishing by mid-February 2026 and Phase 2 for approximately 8 weeks finishing by mid-February 2027. These dates may be subject to change dependent on factors such as weather and contractor availability. Much of the works comprises of wave dam and reprofiling the extensive drainage network across the site to improve water retention. Larger drains will be blocked using larger peat dams or timber. There are areas of hags that require reprofiling, occasionally in conjunction with bare peat restoration methods. A map showing the Project areas and locations is included in Annex 1.

The capital costs of the Project (drain blocking and hag re-profiling) will be partially funded by Peatland ACTION administered by NatureScot and funded by the Scottish Government with the main objective of reducing the amount of carbon released by degraded peatlands. The Project has planning permission from Argyll and Bute Council.

Healthy peatlands are one of our most vital allies in the fight against climate change, locking up carbon whilst providing many other important benefits like biodiversity and water quality. Over its lifetime, we estimate that this Project will lead to a significant reduction of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e).

We also intend on certifying the Project with the IUCN Peatland Code. The Peatland Code is one of two existing UK carbon standards that provide a quality assurance standard for the generation of independently verified carbon credits and is supported by the Scottish Government. Certification will generate Pending Issuance Units (PIUs) that the landowner intends to hold. Over time this will lead to the issuance of verified Peatland Carbon Units (PCUs). An accredited third-party auditor will verify the Project, in line with the requirements of the Peatland Code. As the Project progresses through the Peatland Code certification process, updated documents regarding the Project will be uploaded to the S&P Global Registry. Once registered documents relating to the Project can be found using the search function at the following link - mer.markit.com.

I would be happy to answer questions you may have about this Project. Additionally, if you have any ongoing comments or feedback throughout the duration of these Projects, please contact me - tom@dalhanna.co.uk. Any comments received will be passed on to independent validation bodies working with the Peatland Code, but all names and contact details will be withheld.

Throughout the planning of the Project the relevant individuals/groups/communities (Nature Scot, Scottish Water etc) have been identified and contacted to the best of our abilities. Here we are reaching out to neighbouring landowners and any other local interested parties. Below is a short list of the organisations that we are contacting in relation to the Project.

List of Consultees:

Neighbouring Landowners

Kilfinan Community Council

Leaseholders/interested parties

If you believe there are additional parties that fall under the following definitions that are not listed above, please inform myself at tom@dalhanna.co.uk

- Marginalised groups are defined as those with significant interests in the Project and/or likely to benefit or be harmed by the Project, who may be excluded from engagement due to various forms of systemic disadvantage.
- Communities and organisations of interest that are not located in proximity to the Project boundary, but who have a material interest in the Project area that could be enhanced or compromised by the Project. A material interest is defined as any significant activity or current/future benefit arising from the Project area that could be enhanced or compromised by the Project, where significance is determined by the interest group, not the Project developer.

Additionally, if you feel there are any other parties that are likely to be interested / impacted by the Project or who might directly benefit from or be negatively impacted by the Project, please inform me.

As we hope to begin restoration on Wednesday 1st October 2025, I would be grateful if any responses could be sent by Friday 26th of September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Campbell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Campbell

Dalhanna Farming Company

Appendix 1. Map of proposed Projects and locations

