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Our Ref:KVD/CON/PAC01[R]

Dear Mr Watson

**Scotgold Resources Ltd**  
**Cononish Farm**  
**Proposed Gold Mine with associated service and production buildings, plant, tailings storage area, pond and gauging station, access roads and bridges and diversion of burn [Revised proposal – Ref 90/01102/DET/S]**  
**Environmental Impact Assessment [Scotland] Regulations 1999**

Dagleish Associates Ltd is currently preparing, on behalf of Scotgold Resources Ltd, an Environmental Statement to accompany the above application. The application is for a revision of the extraction and processing operations which were permitted in 1996 under the above reference, followed by final restoration of the site and is for a 10 year period.

As the application area extends to greater than 25 hectares the proposal falls under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment [Scotland] Regulations 1999, as amended, Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] is mandatory.

The Town and Country Planning [Development Management Procedure][Scotland] Regulations 2008 requires that all classes of development prescribed as national or major developments carry out pre-application consultation [PAC].

With respect to minerals, the Town and Country Planning [Hierarchy of Developments][Scotland] Regulations 2009 defines 'major development' as "*mineral extraction where the site are is or exceeds 2 ha*".

Accordingly, as the Scotgold Resources Ltd proposed modification relates to a 'major development', in accordance with Part 2, Section 7 of the Town and Country Planning [Development Management Procedure][Scotland] Regulations 2008, we are submitting a Proposal of Application Notice to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

The details required by the Proposal of Application Notice are set out as follows:

- 1 as identified above the development is classed as a 'major development';
- 2 a copy of the scoping letter, and associated plans, submitted under the Environmental Impact Assessment [Scotland] Regulations 1999 is attached. This letter provides a

full description of the development and identifies the potential operational effects and environmental impacts to be addressed.

- 3 The address of the gold mine site is Cononish Farm, Tyndrum, Perthshire
- 4 Any contact/correspondence should be made through:  
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Telephone: 01786 822339; email: [karen.dalgleish@dalgleishassociates.co.uk](mailto:karen.dalgleish@dalgleishassociates.co.uk) or  
[rob.latimer@dalgleishassociates.co.uk](mailto:rob.latimer@dalgleishassociates.co.uk)
- 5 With respect to consultation, the attached EIA scoping list identifies those parties who have been asked to make comment/provide information relevant to the proposal.
- 6 The proposal falls within Strathfillan Community Council area. The Community Council has been aware of the proposal from the time of the application in March 2007 and will be further consulted at this stage.
- 7 It is proposed to hold a public event in Tyndrum on 12<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009. To ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to come along the venue will be manned from 10.30am to 09.00pm. Copies of all plans and reports relevant to the proposal will be available for viewing and Dalgleish Associates and Scotgold Resources Ltd will be available to answer questions on all aspects of the proposal. DAL will also provide 3-D visualisations of the proposal giving interested parties the opportunity to view the proposed extension from any location on request.
- 8 The public event will be advertised in accordance with Part 2 Section 7[2][b] of the Regulations in the Oban Times and the Stirling Observer. The advertisement will be placed at least 2 weeks prior to the open day. Confirmation of advertisement will be submitted to the Planning Authority.
- 9 We have attached a list of the parties who have been subject to consultation as part of the EIA scoping exercise.
- 10 We have also copied this PAC letter to parties who have been subject to consultation.

Details of the proposal shall also shortly be made available via the Scotgold Resources Ltd website [www.scotgoldresources.com](http://www.scotgoldresources.com)

We look forward to your confirmation that the consultation proposals detailed above are satisfactory or, alternatively, your guidance with respect to any other consultation that you consider necessary.

Yours sincerely



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For Dalgleish Associates Ltd.