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Subject: Request for Licence Variation – Granton Harbour Dredging Operations

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to formally request a variation to the current dredging licence for Granton Harbour MS00010652. Upon review, it has come to our attention that the annual wet tonne allowance specified in the licence, listed as 7,000 wet tonnes per annum, is insufficient to maintain safe operational depths within the harbour and does not align with the originally intended application.

During the application process, the submitted application form correctly stated a requirement for 14,000 wet tonnes per annum, which reflects the minimum volume necessary to support effective dredging operations and ensure continued safe navigation. However, the accompanying Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) document incorrectly cited 7,000 wet tonnes per annum. This discrepancy was identified during the review process, but incorrect action taken (change to application, not BPEO), resulting in the licence being issued with an insufficient allocation.

The application's supporting sampling strategy was designed to accommodate up to 50,000 wet tonnes, providing adequate scope for the higher annual volume and ensuring compliance with environmental and operational standards. This approach is consistent with industry practices and comparable licences issued for similar operations.

To rectify this matter, I kindly request that the licence be updated to reflect the correct allowance of 14,000 wet tonnes per annum. A revised BPEO has been included with this letter. If additional information or documentation is required to support this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
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