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Dear Mr Russell

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2011 Scoping Opinion for proposed barite mine on land at Duntanlich by Pitlochry

Thank you for your letter dated 23 December 2014 and the opportunity to comment on the proposed development at Duntanlich.

We recognise the national significance of the mineral deposit and have no objection in principle to the proposed development. However, the quality of construction and landscaping of the proposed mine site and access track above the tree-line will be critical issues for us. Given the sensitivity of the location, we would look for them to be excellent.

We welcome the intention to decommission and restore the Foss mine. However, little detail is given. It should include removal of all access tracks higher than the old quarry west of Meall Damh.

"Viewpoints considered" are mapped but those which are being proposed for inclusion are not stated. As a minimum we would wish to see the following included: Beinn Eagagach, Farragon Hill, Meall Nan Eun (east of mine site), Meall a' Charra (further east again, with view of access road both to west and to east) Ben Vrackie, and Carn Liath.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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