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To whom it may concern,

Competency and Experience

The author of the Noise Impact Assessment is Thomas Benson, a Principal Consultant at Oaktree Environmental Limited, with 9+ years experience in the environmental sector, having graduated in Summer 2013. I am an Associate Member of the Institute of Acoustics as well as being a member of the Institute of Environmental Sciences.

I have worked in the area of acoustics in both the private and public sector, I was previously employed as a regulator on behalf of Salford City Council from May 2016 to August 2017 having worked as a planning consultee, primarily commenting with regards to noise and contaminated land issues. It was at this time that I completed the Certificate of Competence in Environmental Noise Measurement from the University of Liverpool by October 2016 having initially undergone internal training.

This work involved the review of Noise Impact Assessments, Noise Management Plans and Verification documents submitted as part of the planning process, design of bespoke noise related planning conditions as well as the provision advice to colleagues in the planning department.

Since January 2018, I have worked for Oaktree Environmental, providing Noise Impact Assessments and Noise Management Plans in support of planning and permitting applications as well providing general acoustic advice to clients, for example in response to complaints, site design etc. I have also acted as expert witness in planning hearings and appeals, usually working on behalf of waste operators.

Should you require a copy of the IOA certificates or IOA membership please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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