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Dear Mr Mullin

NOTICE BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTION 37(17) OF THE LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003: DECISION ON APPLICATION TO REGISTER A COMMUNITY INTEREST IN LAND

Case numbers: CB000011

Scottish Ministers have considered the application by Coigeach Community Company Ltd to register an interest in Drumrunie Forest and have decided that community interest should be entered in the Register of Community Interests in Land for the following reasons:

- The criteria for registration appear to have been met;
- There were good reasons why the community body did not secure receipt of an application before the owner of the land took the action which, if a community interest had been registered, would be prohibited under section 40(1) of the Act;
- The level of support within the community to justify such registration is significantly greater than one tenth of the members of the community that Ministers would have considered sufficient for a timeous registration; and
- The factors bearing on whether it is, or is not, in the public interest that the community interest be registered are strongly indicative that it is.

Under section 39(4) of the Act, the owner is deemed to have given notice under section 48(1) that a transfer is proposed and, had section 49(2)(a) applied, the community body is deemed to have sent confirmation that it will exercise its right to buy on the date on which the interest is registered. For the purposes of a late registration, that date is the date of this letter, the effect of which is set out at section 40(1) of the Act.

Ministers will appoint a valuer under section 59(1) of the Act who will contact you in due course.

In accordance with section 37(17) of the Act, a copy of this letter is being sent to the landowners, the Trustees of Edmund Hoyle Vestey and to the Keeper of the Register of Community Interests in Land.

As indicated in section 37(18) of the Act, a landowner may, by virtue of section 61 of the Act, appeal against Scottish Ministers' decision to register an interest in land.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Scottish Ministers