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MRAG Americas, Inc. is currently undertaking the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) assessment of the New Zealand orange roughy fishery. MRAG Americas proposes to appoint the following scientists, listed in alphabetical order, to the assessment team; and seeks stakeholder feedback on these proposed members until 6 June 2014.

Dr. Andre Punt is a Professor at the University of Washington and Director of the School of Aquatic and Fisheries Sciences. He is a quantitative scientist with a specialty of providing quantitative scientific advice for fisheries management, focusing on new methods for assessing fish and marine mammal populations; Bayesian assessment and risk analysis methods; and valuating the performance of existing methods for assessing and managing renewable resource populations. He uses methods for assessing fish and marine mammal populations that are tailored specifically to the situation in question. Current areas of interest are spatial models, individual-based models, and stage-structured models. He has worked as a resource population models for the Benguela Current in South Africa, a resource modeler at CSIRO in Australia, and at the University of Washington. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Ms. Amanda Stern-Pirlot. Amanda Stern-Pirlot is an M.Sc graduate of the University of Bremen, Center for Marine Tropical Ecology (ZMT) in marine ecology and fisheries biology. Ms. Stern-Pirlot will join MRAG Americas in mid-June, 2014 as MSC Certification Manager. She has worked together with other scientists, conservationists, fisheries managers and producer groups on international fisheries sustainability issues for the past 10 years. With the Institute for Marine Research (IFM-GEOMAR) in Kiel, Germany, she led a work package on simple indicators for sustainable within the EU-funded international cooperation project INCOFISH, followed by five years within the Standards Department at the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) in London, developing standards, policies and assessment methods informed by best practices in fisheries management around the globe. Most recently she has worked with the Alaska pollock industry as a resources analyst, within the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council process, focusing on bycatch and ecosystem-based management issues, and managing the day-to-day operations of the offshore pollock cooperative. She has co-authored a dozen publications on fisheries sustainability in the developing world and the functioning of the MSC as an instrument for transforming fisheries to a sustainable basis.

Dr. Robert J. Trumble joined MRAG Americas in 2000 as a senior research scientist and became Vice President in 2005. He has wide-ranging experience in marine fish science and management, fishery habitat protection, and oceanography. Dr. Trumble serves as Certification Manager for MRAG. He has overseen all MRAG pre-assessments and full assessments. He has received MSC training on two occasions, including the Risk-based Framework, and has led an RBF on three occasions. Previously, he served as Senior Biologist of the International Pacific Halibut Commission in Seattle, Washington, in various research and management positions at the Washington Department of Fisheries, and with the US Naval Oceanographic Office. Dr. Trumble has extensive experience working with government agencies, commercial and recreational fisheries groups, Indian tribes, and national and international advisory groups. He received appointments to the Scientific and Statistical

Committees of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Groundfish Management Team of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the affiliate faculty of Fisheries at the University of Washington, and the Advisory Committee of the Washington Sea Grant Program. Dr. Trumble received a Ph.D. in Fisheries from the College of Fisheries, University of Washington.

These individuals collectively have knowledge of the stock status and assessment, ecosystem impacts, and management systems applicable to this fishery. Dr. Trumble will serve as lead assessor. MRAG Americas seeks stakeholder comments on the suitability of the proposed team. Curriculum vitae for the proposed team are available upon request. Comments on the suitability of these scientists for the New Zealand Orange roughy fishery assessment should be sent by 6 June 2014 to Bob Trumble, MRAG Americas. An announcement of the final team will be issued after the end of the comment period.

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