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Annual Surveillance Audit

Cornish sardine fishery (*Sardina pilchardus*) conducted by the Cornish Sardine Management Association (CSMA)

MacAlister Elliott and Partners Ltd. (MEP) hereby announces that the first annual surveillance audit for the above fishery is scheduled to take place on the 22nd and 23rd August 2011 in Newlyn, Cornwall, United Kingdom.

The Cornish sardine fishery (*Sardina pilchardus*) conducted by the Cornish Sardine Management Association (CSMA) received MSC Certification on the 18th June 2010 from the Certification Body, MRAG Americas. The surveillance audit will examine whether the Cornish Sardine Management Association (CSMA) is satisfactorily addressing any certification conditions and whether any significant changes have occurred either in the physical environment or in the management of the fishery.

The proposed auditing team will be composed of Dr Jo Gascoigne (Assessment Team Leader) and Miss Charlotte Tindall. A brief resume is provided below for both experts and full CVs are available on request from MEP.

MEP is happy to receive comments from stakeholders on the surveillance audit at any time during the comment period. Please note that comments should be factual and should be supported by data or other evidence. Comments should be received by the 19th August 2011.

Any stakeholder who wishes to submit comments should contact Caroline Gregg (caroline.gregg@macalister-elliott.com) and Max Goulden at MEP (max.goulden@macalister-elliott.com).

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Dr. Jo Gascoigne – Expert 1 and Team Leader

Dr. Gascoigne is the Director for Fisheries Certification at MEP and a former research lecturer in marine biology at Bangor University. She has been involved as expert and team leader in five previous MSC assessments, including three other saithe fisheries (Euronor saithe, UK Fisheries Ltd./DFFU/Doggerbank saithe, Scapêche/Comapêche saithe, northern Menai Strait mussel, and Mauritania mullet trial assessment) as well as five ongoing assessments (Euronor/Comapêche cod and haddock, Normandy-Jersey lobster, SARPC toothfish, Tristan da Cunha rock lobster and UK Fisheries Ltd./DFFU/Doggerbank cod, haddock and saithe). Contact details of previous clients may be provided upon request.

Miss Charlotte Tindall – Expert 2

Charlotte Tindall is an international fisheries consultant with over ten years experience in certification, and the environmental and social issues associated with fisheries. Recently Charlotte has undertaken a number of rapid fisheries assessments against the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) principles and criteria, building on a foundation of work on certification and responsible fish sourcing. This has included a scoping project for DFID and GTZ on options for integrating social and economic issues into fisheries certification schemes; analysis for FAO on the ability of small-scale producers to reach aquaculture standards; a feasibility study for applying the Fairtrade mark to wild-caught fish; and a report for Seafish benchmarking the range of fisheries certification schemes and seafood guides currently available on the market.