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**Proposed Peer Reviewer Announcement for the PFA, DPPO, KFO, SPSG & Compagnie des Peches St Malo Northeast Atlantic blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) pelagic trawl fishery by the Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd (SPSG), the Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA), the Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) and the Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation (KFO)**

ME Certification Ltd (MEC) are undertaking the full MSC certification assessment process for the PFA, DPPO, KFO, SPSG & Compagnie des Peches St Malo Northeast Atlantic blue whiting (*Micromesistius poutassou*) pelagic trawl fishery conducted by the Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd (SPSG), the Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA), the Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) and the Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation (KFO) and are proposing the following peer reviewers:

**Mr Jim Andrews**

Jim is a marine biologist with over 20 years' experience working in marine fisheries and environmental management. He currently works as an independent fisheries and marine environmental consultant. His previous experience includes running the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee as its Chief Executive from 2001 to 2005, and previously working as the SFC's Marine Environment Liaison Officer. During this time he was responsible for the regulation, management and assessment of inshore finfish and shellfish stocks along a 1,500km coastline. He has an extensive practical knowledge of both fisheries and environmental management and enforcement under UK and EC legislation. Jim has formal legal training & qualifications, with a special interest in the policy, governance and management of fisheries impacts on marine ecosystems. He has worked as an assessor and lead assessor on more than 25 MSC assessments within the UK, in Europe and in India since 2007. In 2008 he worked with the MSC and WWF on one of the pilot assessments using the new MSC Risk Based Assessment Framework, and has subsequently used the Risk Based Framework in three fishery assessments. Jim has carried out numerous MSC Chain of Custody assessments within the UK

**Dr Lisa Borges**

Lisa has been a fishery scientist for the last 18 years and now runs her own consultancy firm. Lisa has a BSc in Marine Biology & Fisheries from the University of the Algarve (Portugal), an MSc in Fisheries from the University of Porto (Portugal), and a PhD on discards from demersal fisheries from the National University of Ireland. She has worked for three national fisheries research institutes which include IPIMAR (Portugal), the Marine Institute (Ireland), and IMARES (The Netherlands). Lisa has extensive knowledge and experience of assessing the environmental impact of fisheries, with a particular focus on

discards and bycatch in particular. She also has knowledge and experience of fisheries management policies, including harvest control rules, management plans and discard policy development. Lisa developed conservation policies for Atlantic fish stocks when she worked for the European Commission in Belgium. Lisa has experience in both pelagic and demersal stock assessments, and is familiar with MSC assessment procedures, having participated as a principle 1 and 2 expert on four different assessments over the last year.

Full CVs are available on request to MEC at the address below.

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The deadline for consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**