

Natural Resources Wales
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Dear Sirs

Applications for Abstraction Licences under the Water Resources Act 1991

Applications made for Abstraction Licences (including applications to vary such licences) under the Water Resources Act 1991 must be signed by an “Appropriately Authorised Person” which is defined in the guidance notes to the relevant application forms as a Company Secretary or Company Director.

The Canal & River Trust (“the Trust”) is a national charity and registered company responsible for managing 2000 miles of Waterways. The Trust’s abstractions are managed by our Water Management Team based in its Hatton office, and it is not therefore practical for all applications for Abstraction Licences to be signed by a Company Director or Company Secretary. The Environment Agency have therefore agreed that the Trust can delegate this authority to the appropriate person within the Trust.

Therefore I confirm that, as the Company Secretary of the Canal & River Trust as listed at Companies House, I give authority for Adam Comerford (National Hydrology Manager), Mathew Wells (Principal Hydrologist), Kathryn Smith (Principal Hydrologist) Lesley Inwards (Water Sales Account Manager) and Nick Pogson (Head of Utilities) to sign applications for abstraction licences under the Water Resources Act 1991 on behalf of the Trust.

Yours faithfully



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