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Dear Christine

**TRUMP INTERNATIONAL GOLF LINKS SCOTLAND ('TIGLS')
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF GOLF RESORT AT MENIE ESTATE**

I refer to our preliminary discussions regarding land assembly necessary to support the proposed development of a golf resort at the Menie Estate. Following the grant of outline planning permission by the Scottish Ministers on 16 December 2008, TIGLS appointed Gareth Hoskins to prepare the development masterplan. The masterplanning exercise is now underway and one of the initial tasks was to review the land, current land uses within and adjacent to the development site and existing or future constraints that could affect the development in terms of layout, visual impact and quality.

As part of this exercise, we identified all such land which is not within the control of TIGLS. Twenty four plots of land were identified for consideration. Each was assessed on the basis of its location and relationship to the development. Of the twenty four plots, eight have been identified as required as being necessary for the proper planning of the development. Of those eight plots:

1. One is in the ownership of the Council,
2. One is a greenfield area of land at Leyton farm;
3. The remaining six form four residential properties with related land – Leyton Cottage, Hermit Point, Menie Fishing Station and the Mill of Menie residences.

The purpose of this letter is to ask the Council to exercise its powers of compulsory purchase under Section 189 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to acquire the eight plots of land on behalf of TIGLS. It is understood that the Council is only empowered to make a compulsory purchase order; a 'made' order then requires Ministerial confirmation before it has legal effect.

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I enclose the following:

1. A map showing the location of the plots;
2. A schedule containing details of the plots;
3. A draft Statement setting out the legal and land use justification for the exercise of compulsory purchase powers in this case.

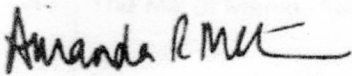
If the Council make the Order, we understand that you will want to be indemnified against all costs arising from the process. However, TIGLS will want to retain control of the process to ensure that development risks can be managed properly. We are preparing a note on the proposed methodology and a draft indemnity agreement for your consideration.

Once you have had the opportunity to consider this request, we will be available to discuss or to provide further information, as required.

We hope that the Council will agree to facilitate the acquisition of these properties to ensure that the development is of the requisite high standard to secure the economic benefits rehearsed at the public inquiry last year.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



PP Ann Faulds
For and on Behalf of Dundas & Wilson CS LLP

cc. George Sorial
cc. Neil Hobday

This is the Schedule referred to in The Aberdeenshire Council (Menie Estate)
Compulsory Purchase Order 200-
Schedule 1

Plot	Description	Owner/Occupier	Note
1	Land at Leyton farm, Balmedie, Aberdeen	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 1" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
2	Hermit Point, Leyton Balmedie, Aberdeen AB23 8YE	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 2" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
3A	Leyton Cottage, Balmedie, AB23 8YE	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 3A" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
3B	Ground at Leyton Cottage, Balmedie, AB23 8YE	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 3B" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
4	The Mill of Menie, AB23 8YE	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 4" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
5	Menie Fishing Station, AB23 8YE	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 5" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
6	Land at The Mill of Menie and Menie Fishing Station	[REDACTED]	Shown marked "Plot 6" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto
7	Council Car Park	Aberdeenshire Council	Shown marked "Plot 7" and coloured light blue and outlined in dark blue on the plan annexed hereto