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Our Ref: FRC-FITS-JG-COR-RD039A

4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

The Owner/Occupier

Dear Sir/Madam,

<u>Forth Replacement Crossing – Fife ITS Contract</u>

<u>Update on Intention to Progress Site Works – Gantry Installations</u>

Further to previous communications, I can confirm that the works have progressed well on the M90 road network corridor associated with the Fife ITS Contract.

Major work elements have been completed including but not limited to mine consolidation works, piling works, concrete foundations, maintenance hard-standings, road surfacing, safety barriers and erection of gantry supports.

Most of the Gantries have now been erected and the remaining installations are progressing well on the M90, A823 (M) and A92. Gantry locations are indicated on the attached Site Layout sketch FRC-FITS-GC-SK-049 Rev C.

At each gantry location, site operations involve use of mechanical plant including heavy lifting by crane during nigh-time working. Typically, the first operation may involve lifting and maneuvering the main gantry beam at ground level. The proceeding operation involves lifting and fixing the gantry beam onto the gantry supports. In certain circumstances, dedicated lifting operations may be required for installation of the new variable message signs and associated equipment. Each lifting operation is fairly straightforward and should typically take only around 30 minutes to complete during which time dedicated traffic management and a rolling road block system will be in place. Where possible, lifting operations shall be undertaken consecutively in one night-shift however in certain circumstances may require to be scheduled on separate nights — subject to site-specific constraints, traffic movements, etc.

These works have been carefully programmed in partnership with key stakeholders including Transport Scotland, Fife Council, Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA) and the Police, to minimise traffic disruption and impact on surrounding areas. In this regard, the works will be undertaken during scheduled night-time working as necessary.

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Gantry 8 installation is scheduled for completion this Friday night 5th October 2012. The remaining gantries are being scheduled for ongoing installation throughout October 2012.

As Community Liaison Officer for the Fife ITS works, and Stakeholder Manager for Graham, I appreciate that certain activities normally associated with construction can result in both perceived and actual increased levels of nuisance and potential impacts to the surrounding environment. Typically, these activities may include machine operations, temporary lighting, construction vehicle movements etc.

I am happy to confirm that we do not foresee any significant disruption resulting from these gantry installation works however, we shall continue to monitor our activities and potential construction impacts, and take all reasonable steps to minimise disturbance.

We will continue to communicate and engage with you via various media during the above works to ensure that any inconvenience is kept to a minimum.

If you have any questions regarding the Forth Replacement Crossing Project please contact the FRC Contact Centre via. The telephone number or Email address given below.

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Yours faithfully

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