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Subject:RE: National Energy Policy – Strategic Environmental Assessment

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Dear Mr Camilleri,

Thank you very much for your letter.

As discussed during our meeting of 8 November, the applicability of the SEA Directive in this case needs to be seen by the competent national authorities. In this context, we were told that by promoting the new gas fired power station and its associated developments the Maltese government was embarking on the recommendations of the SEA which had been carried out for the current National Energy Policy (NEP) prior to its approval in December 2012. Moreover, we understood from our discussions with the national authorities that they do not consider that the new energy infrastructure projects would represent a departure from the approved NEP. Hence there is no need for a formal revision of the approved policy and new SEA procedures, according to the information received.

We have nevertheless requested further written information on the matter to be in a position to make a fully informed judgment in this case. Once we have received the requested information, we will come back to you with our legal opinion.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Koller

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From: George [<mailto:george@dinlarthelwa.org>]

Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 11:24 AM

To: KOLLER Peter (ENV)

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Dear Mr Koller,

Attached to this email find letter in which Din I-Art Helwa outlines its concerns regarding the procedures that should have been followed in the implementing the new LNG powered 'stand-alone' power station at Delimara and asks for your opinion about the matter. We have previously addressed these same concerns to the SEA focal point in June 2013 and on subsequent dates and have to date not received a satisfactory answer. Copies of this correspondence are also attached.

While thanking you we are looking forward to your considered opinion in this regard.

Yours faithfully

George Camilleri
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