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Dear Mr MacArthur,

Thank you for your submission of 23 September 2016, on behalf of Environmental Design Solutions Ltd requesting approval of the DSM interface software, EDSL Tas v9.4.0. I am pleased to be able to advise you that the report produced by AECOM confirms that EDSL Tas v9.4.0 is compliant with the approved national calculation methodology (SBEM version 5.2.g) and has been approved. This letter of approval supersedes any previous letter issued by DCLG in relation to this software.

The approval is based on the following:

- The scope of the validation at the current time has focused on compliance of the generated certificates and reports using the business and operational logic, both published and agreed, at the Commercial Energy Performance Certificate Conventions Group meetings.
- The approval has taken account of the information provided by you and testing by AECOM, as set out in their report of 18 October 2016. The department is, therefore, satisfied that the software correctly replicates satisfactory agreement with the certificate and report templates. A copy of AECOM report recommending approval is attached for ease of reference.
- The software is approved as fit for commercial use in its current state and form including the Checksum results set out at Annex A. These Checksum results set out in Annex A replace those included in previous approval letters. Any later variant or version will need to be submitted separately for approval.
- It is the responsibility of software providers to ensure that the software they produce provides accurate calculations in line with the National Calculation Methodology (NCM) for which it is approved.
- This approval does not imply any liability is accepted by the department for software calculation inaccuracies.

Please note that a formal publication of the approval will be made in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Couzens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

MARK COUSENS

Checksum results

Below are the results from the checksum carried out on SBEM interface software version 5.2.g which must be present in this current version.

File Name	Checksum Value
TBD.exe	2C475C62CEFE5CF687AA9BFB4E14F03E
TPD.exe	DB612AD6A0066013490B1AD658A1C319
UKBRStudio2013.exe	FE732F2FAA84A0F01FC7D45B1C5D27C6