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Dear Mr Highton,

Thank you for your submission of 21 March 2014, on behalf of Environmental Design Solutions Ltd, requesting approval of the DSM interface software, Tas 9.3. I am pleased to be able to advise you that the report produced by Aecom confirms that Tas 9.3 is compliant with the approved national calculation methodology (SBEM version 5.2.b) and has been approved.

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 25 April 2014 (copy attached). The Department is therefore satisfied that the software correctly replicates satisfactory agreement with the certificate and report templates.

- The software is approved as fit for commercial use in its current state and form, including the Checksum results set out at Annex A. 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 DCLG for software calculation inaccuracies.

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

A copy of Aecom report recommending approval is attached for ease of reference.

Yours sincerely,

MARK COUSENS

Checksum results

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

File Name	Checksum Value
TBD.exe	06A26F145FA4F27E3F27BD704B8E6D77
TPD.exe	6E989BA071A3446D26DE82097ADBBDB6
UKBRStudio2013.exe	32FFCBFDC5DF2285950BB9218582B4C5