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INSTITUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Draft MMGN2 – Marine Minerals Guidance Note 2

Dear Sirs,

Response of the IES

We have studied the draft Guidance Note and consider that the guidance is quite clear and practical and does not require further explanation.

The approach, quality and usefulness of the guidance is felt to be adequate and covers the general requirements for sustainable development which the Institution considers important.

We would stress the significance of environmental impact assessments and the thoroughness with which these are carried out. This has added importance.

We trust these few comments will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. A. Fuller
Honorary Secretary