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Dear John

Re: SSSI Management at MOD Sites FY22/23 – Issue 2

Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 the MOD has a legal duty to take reasonable steps to “further the conservation and enhancement of the special features of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). The condition of SSSIs is monitored by the statutory conservation bodies (SBs), and compliance is monitored by both SBs and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

QinetiQ have received a request from DIO to undertake SSSI works at a number of MOD sites as detailed in the Statement of Works at Annex A.

This programme of work is offered for an overall Limit of Liability of £220,000 (excl VAT) to be priced in accordance with DEFCON 643.

All work to be undertaken under the Terms and Conditions of schedule 9 of the LTPA.

Could you please confirm your acceptance of this offer by the issue of a schedule 9 Tasking Order by the Critical Date of 30 April 2023 to allow works to be scheduled and completed in Year.

Yours Sincerely,

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Annex A – Statement of Works

QQ FY 23/24 SSSI Programme

Site Name	SSSI Name	23/24 Work Description
MOD ESKMEALS	DRIGG COAST	Mechanised removal of sea buckthorn too large to treat with herbicide
MOD ESKMEALS	DRIGG COAST	Herbicide treatment of bracken regrowth year 2, this was not undertaken in 22/23
MOD PENDINE	Laugharne and Pendine Burrows	Hand cutting and removal of scrub adjacent to fen orchid area. Stumps to be promptly treated by painting Triclopyr based herbicide onto them.
MOD PENDINE	LAUGHARNE AND PENDINE BURROWS	Follow-up spraying of regenerating sea buckthorn in areas cut previously.
MOD PENDINE	LAUGHARNE AND PENDINE BURROWS	Sea buckthorn mechanical removal to continue opening up and restoring naturally functioning dune habitat.
MOD SHOEburyNESS	FOULNESS	Continue fencing works around the Fleet to enable grazing to be reintroduced.
MOD SHOEburyNESS	FOULNESS	Scrub and vegetation management on Ware Corner Island. Explore options of dredging pools on the island if required.
MOD WEST FREUGH	TORRS WARREN - LUCE SANDS	Mechanised removal of 100ha invasive gorse from dune slacks. Chemical control of regrowth.
MOD WEST FREUGH	TORRS WARREN - LUCE SANDS	Update rhododendron survey and carry out herbicide control of Japanese knotweed and rhododendron. Coppice Sitka spruce seedlings and leave in situ.
MOD WEST FREUGH	TORRS WARREN - LUCE SANDS	Bracken control using hand spraying subject to Asulox licence renewal.