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Dear Kirsty,

As you are aware, myself and Nigel Shapland met with Dave Whooley at your premises to see first-hand the quality checks and manufacturing processes that are involved with the method of manufacturing DM cast lead which consequentially lead to written acceptance from NHBC back in July 2012.

Following on from recent activity and what appears to be a misunderstanding within the industry relating to the latest NHBC Standards 2016 for weathering materials, I would like to take the opportunity to clarify the present situation going forward.

NHBC acceptance of appropriate materials has not significantly changed. NHBC Standards 2016 clause 7.2.20 Table 14 identifies a range of common materials and references applicable standards for weathering products.

Where no definitive standard exists or is referenced, NHBC require alternative products to meet NHBC Technical Requirements R3 (*materials standard*) when performing a critical function to have a valid third party technical accreditation from an appropriate approvals body.

I can reaffirm that NHBC is satisfied; having previously witnessed your production processes, combined with a current, valid BBA certificate, that cast lead produced by Midland Lead Ltd will be acceptable to NHBC when installed within the scope of the BBA certificate and to normal codes of practices.

I trust this letter provides you with the confirmation and assurance that you seek from NHBC.

Yours sincerely

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