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Dear Landowner/Stakeholder

STOKE BROOK AND RIVER DERWENT REMEDIATION

As it is some time since we last had contact regarding the removal of sediments from Stoke Brook and parts of the River Derwent, I thought I would write to you giving an update of progress.

Small scale clearance works of tree branches and thorn scrub was undertaken in February, before the start of the bird breeding season, to enable easier access to the Stoke Brook channel for sediment removal. In addition, all the various permissions and consents are now in place, and we are currently organising the specialist machinery that will be used for working on the rivers.

As you are aware, the sensitivity of the landscape and habitats associated with these rivers has meant that we have had to source equipment that can be used to undertake the required operations without causing significant damage to the area. In particular, we have commissioned the construction of a special excavator that is capable of accessing the rivers with minimal potential impact on wildlife, vegetation and the river banks. This machine is being made in Italy and we hope to take delivery of it early in May.

Our current projection for the mobilisation of machinery on to site is 12th May. In advance of any works commencing we will write to you again with a few dates when we will offer a demonstration of the various techniques that will be used to remove the sediments from the river channel and banks.

We would like to express our thanks for your continued co-operation in this environmental restoration programme, and if you have any questions about the remediation process and proposed works please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully
for and on behalf of
PENNY ANDERSON ASSOCIATES LTD



Peter Worrall
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c. All Landowners and Stakeholders