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Mr Bob Churchill
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Dear Mr Churchill

Submission to NDA for funding for Royal National Mòd 2010

The submission to the NDA for funding for the Royal National Mòd 2010 was sent to the Socio economic sub group of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group with a request for support for the funding application.

The DSG socio economic sub group is made up of representatives from Wick & Thurso Trade Union Council, Highland Council, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Caithness Chamber of Commerce, Church of Scotland, Caithness Voluntary Group, Rolls-Royce, North Highland College, Caithness Partnership, North Highland Tourism and Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership.

At the meeting held on 27th April the funding application was discussed. It was suggested at this meeting that further information was required to ensure this was a robust submission and the sub group agreed to support the application in principle, leaving the detail to the originator.

The socio economic sub group welcomes the decision to stage this event in Caithness and would offer its unreserved support. The publicity associated with an event such as this will undoubtedly raise the profile of Caithness and therefore add value to the area's regeneration activities especially in the tourism sector.

Given the relatively small amount of funding that has been requested in comparison with the potential economic benefit of hosting such an event the sub group feels this is something that should be supported.

Yours sincerely

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DSG Socio economic sub group chairman

cc. Mr Raymond Bremner