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Dear Trudy and Struan,

Thank you for your letter dated 15 October 2020.

I would like to start by thanking the Caithness Transport Forum and Dounreay Stakeholder Group for their continued support of DRS, rail freight and your commitment to this trial.

I have asked my Business Development team to look into the possibility of bringing the trial forward. We are at full capacity as we run our vital Railhead Treatment Trains until mid-December but there is a possibility it could take place after this but before spring 2021.

We are monitoring the Covid-19 situation very closely as in England we have been placed into a new lockdown and the Scottish tier system has also recently been introduced which may affect travel arrangements.

Safety is my absolute priority and we're looking to showcase the terminal and want as many partners and interested parties as possible to attend to witness how the terminal can be used. However, I will ask my Communications team to work with you on the viability of a virtual trial to ensure it can take place safely but with maximum interest.

I cannot commit to a specific date at this stage and do not want to have another date where there are foreseeable reasons the trial could be delayed again but we are planning, and as soon as a date is viable I will communicate this with you.

I want to reiterate that this trial will absolutely take place and I am 100 percent committed to it.

If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,





Chris Connelly, Managing Director

