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Peatland Code Feasibility Survey - Abernethy - April 2022

RSPB Scotland

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Peatland Code Feasibility Survey to Validation

Compartment A2 and A5, An Lurg Area, RSPB Abernethy Nature Reserve

In line with our strategy, RSPB Scotland has been restoring degraded peatland across our suite of nature reserves for many years thanks to support from various funding streams including the Scottish Government's Peatland ACTION Fund (PAF), distributed by NatureScot and (within the Cairngorms National Park) by Cairngorms National Park Authority Peatland ACTION. The announcement of a GBP 250million commitment to the PAF by the Scottish Government from 2020-2030 has led to an increased ambition to upscale our restoration efforts. With the emergence of the Peatland Code and the prospect of blended funding options to help maximise restoration and help deliver and maintain more degraded peatland, we are keen to assess land eligibility for validation through the Peatland Code prior to undertaking restoration management.

Following restoration of a pilot site on a high-altitude plateau on our Abernethy nature

reserve, RSPB Scotland has been working with Cairngorm National Park Authority Peatland ACTION (CNPA PA) team to build plans for restoration across the wider plateau area, as well as potentially lower altitude bog woodland and fen dominated habitat elsewhere. The intention is to apply to CNPA PA for multi-year funding for the restoration of pre-determined and mapped compartments within our Abernethy and Insh Marshes nature reserves. Prior to restoration on any compartment however we require a Peatland Code feasibility assessment to be undertaken through to the point of validation.

Whilst a comprehensive phased plan is being worked up for the wider multi-year restoration application, and due to a lack of internal capacity, we are seeking an experienced contractor to undertake a detailed assessment – as detailed below – on compartments A2 and A5 on the An Lurg plateau within Abernethy nature reserve (see attached map). These compartments have been identified as the next compartments on which we intend to undertake restoration management. Due to ambitious restoration targets by both the Scottish Government and Cairngorms Connect, we are eager to undertake restoration within the 2022/23 financial year, so we would welcome quotes from contractors who would be able to complete the contract by May 20th, 2022.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2022/S 000-008407](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1) Information to be changed or added

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

IV.2.2

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VII.2) Other additional information

The tender submission date has been extended by 1 week to the 20th April to provide more time for compiling the tender return and the completion date has been extended to the 27th June. This is to allow additional time to complete the survey as RSPB is looking at getting Peatland Code Validation retrospectively.