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**Subject: LIFE09 NAT/HU/000384 Falco cherrug B-H-R-S
Visits to the project on 2-5 and 23 September 2014**

Dear Mr Horváth,

Thank you for welcoming the external monitor Mr Andrej Bača in the project areas in Romania, Bulgaria and Slovakia on 2-5 and 23 September 2014.

I acknowledge the progress of the project in several conservation, monitoring and dissemination actions, especially the installation of nest boxes for the Saker Falcon (action C2) and repatriation of ground squirrels (C3). I expect complete information on their results and the related deliverables with the Final Report. During the last months of the project, please take all the necessary measures to finalise especially the insulation of dangerous electric pylons in Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria (C4) and installation of the remaining nest boxes (C2). Based on your request of 9 July 2014, I confirm that in Hungary you may use the remaining financial resources to equip additional electric pylons with new safe heads instead of their insulation.

I was informed that your project team installed the nest boxes (action C2) also outside the originally designed project area in the Romanian Southern Dobrudja (between Cernavoda and Constanta). I understand your reasons that the Saker Falcons migrate in this direction between Ukraine and Bulgaria and there are suitable prey habitats around. Moreover, the nest boxes had been foreseen and already installed on a section of the same high-voltage pylon line more southwards in Bulgaria. Based on the provided explanation I can accept that the mentioned activity in this region contributes to the project objectives. Anyway please justify your decision thoroughly in the Final Report.

I encourage you to translate the news and monitoring results in your project website (action D4) to English and all national languages as soon as possible. I insist that you do not wait for the Final Report period because the dissemination effect of the website is reduced already by several months. I also encourage you to finalise the documentary film soon and remind you to perform and evaluate the final questionnaire campaign in all project countries before the end of the project (both in action D5).

I wish you successful completion of the project activities and expect your Final Report at

the latest three months after the recently approved project end date on 31 December 2014. Please use the new template available at the Commission website and consult the preparation of the report with the external monitoring team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ABurrill', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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