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Dear Edward,

FERGUSON MARINE PORT GLASGOW – APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT CHAIR

I am writing to inform you that, following an intensive recruitment campaign, which attracted a number of high-calibre candidates, Duncan Anderson has been appointed as Chair at Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.

Mr Anderson is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, bringing over 40 years of experience across shipbuilding, offshore operations, and marine engineering.

During his tenure as Non-Executive Director, and more recently as Interim Chair, he has consistently demonstrated strong leadership, sound judgement, and a clear grasp of the technical and commercial challenges facing the shipyard.

Having reflected on the outcome of the recruitment campaign, his effective performance as Interim Chair, and the strong support he has received from the Board, the executive team, and the workforce, it is clear that his extensive experience provides a solid foundation for taking on the role permanently. I am confident that he is the right person to provide stability and strategic direction at this critical stage in the yard's development.

Mr Anderson's role as Chair of Ferguson Marine will be central to setting the strategic direction of the company, ensuring effective Board leadership, and maintaining a strong and constructive relationship with Scottish Ministers and Parliamentary Committees.

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