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Your reference:

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Dear Mr Tindale,

I refer to your application for your DesignBuilder SBEM (version 1.5) as an SBEM interface software, to be approved as part of the methodology of the calculation of the energy performance of buildings approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of regulation 17A of the Building Regulations 2000.

Having considered the information provided by you, and having had the software tested by Faber Maunell (FM) as set out in their letter attached, I am satisfied that the software meets the criteria which have been developed for the approval of SBEM software interfaces.

I am authorised by the Secretary of State to confirm that DesignBuilder SBEM (version 1.5) as an SBEM interface software has been approved to form part of the methodology of calculation and expression of the energy performance of buildings for the purposes of regulation 17A of the Building Regulations 2000.

A copy of FM letter is attached for ease of reference.

This approval only relates to DesignBuilder (version 1.5) as an SBEM interface of your software and any later variant or version will need to be submitted separately for approval.

A formal publication of the approval will be made in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**SIMON BARNES**

Enclosed: FM letter dated 24 April 2008