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**Subject: LIFE09 NAT/HU/000384 Falco cherrug B-H-R-S
Project visit of 10 and 15 June 2012**

Dear Mr. Grédics,

Thank you for welcoming Mr. Andrej Bača, representative of the External Monitoring Team, in Slovakia and Hungary on 10 and 15 May 2012.

I am glad the project is progressing generally well and recovering initial delays. I appreciate the achievements in data collection, in promoting the suitable management of suslik habitats, and in the construction of two cages for injured birds in Slovakia. I also congratulate you for the success of the various dissemination and awareness raising actions. Please, in your next report include an assessment of the activities carried out so far, including the results of the survey (Action D5).

I was informed that you have observed the Saker falcon is abandoning its traditional nesting sites in Romania and propose acquiring 85 additional artificial nests to support the nesting (Action C2). Before authorising this change, I would like to have additional information. Please in your next report indicate whether new elements have been discovered that explain the falcon's behaviour and to what extent artificial nest will prevent further abandonment. In addition, provide information on the ability of Romanian beneficiaries to install such a significant additional number of artificial nests within the project period. Finally, explain how endangered nests will be guarded as per Action C6, if the video camera is not purchased.

Finally, please increase your effort to erect as soon as possible the information boards in Romania and Bulgaria and to print and distribute posters in Romania and Slovakia.

I wish you a good continuation of the project and expect the Mid-term report by 31 December 2012. Please remember to also address the comments included in the previous letter of 28 November 2011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Burrill', written over a horizontal line.

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