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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
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Icelandic Special Permits

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.567 dated 13 June 2006, the Government of Iceland has issued two further Special Permits authorising the permit holders to engage in whaling for the purposes of scientific research in August 2006. The Government of Iceland is reporting this information to the International Whaling Commission in accordance with Article VIII(1) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

The Government of Iceland reports that: (1) the permits set out numerous restrictions and conditions, including that the total catch will not exceed 10 minke whales; and (2) the whaling operation represents a continuation of the implementation of the Icelandic research plan that has been discussed by the Scientific Committee.

The permits are issued in the Icelandic language and are presently not available in any other language. Copies in Icelandic can be provided on request.

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