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Dear Mr Van Der Wee,

On behalf of Enterprise Ireland I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me and my colleagues on the 16th January. I appreciate that you and your team are very busy but the meeting did provide clarity in respect of the new Regional Aid Guidelines 2014-2020.

As stated at the meeting, the new guidelines do have significant implication for the companies in Ireland. As you advised, Ireland will look to the GBER and R&D&I guidelines for supporting companies through Environmental Aid and R&D.

You can appreciate that as a development agency we have to continue to support the growth and development of companies in Ireland.

*Roxanne* [ As a point of clarification, can you confirm that if a company is currently carrying out the manufacture of a specific product in a NUT3 region in Ireland and if the company sets up an equivalent manufacturing facility in another NUTS 3 region in Ireland, then that is treated as a new establishment?

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in 6 months time when the GBER has been finalised.

Also, we would like to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues to visit us in Ireland and view some of the companies that have been recipients of aid.

I look forward to meeting with you in the not too distant future.

Thank you.

Regards,

  
Michael Cantwell