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Subject: AP - 2011/097760*SA.33585*IRL*LMS -Alleged unlawful use of State aid by the Irish National Asset Management Agency

Dear Alberto

I refer to your letter of 15 September 2011 to the Permanent Representation of Ireland regarding the alleged unlawful use of State Aid by the Irish National Asset Management Agency, through a property price insurance scheme.

As previously advised, NAMA has been working on a proposal,

This initiative has not been initiated. The proposal has now been submitted by NAMA to the Minister for Finance for his approval.

Once we are satisfied with the details of the initiative, we will forward it to you for your approval to ensure that it complies with State Aid rules. We are very aware that in its decision of 26 February 2010, the Commission stressed the need for NAMA not to use its powers in a way that would distort competition. I can confirm that before the Minister approves the initiative, we will first notify you in the Commission to ensure that the proposal does not contravene State Aid rules.

I can therefore confirm your understanding of the status of this proposal as set out in your e-mail of 22 September, namely (a) that the scheme is not in place yet and so no State Aid rule has been contravened and (b) that before any initiative is approved for putting into action, we will first notify you and your colleagues to ensure that any measure will be in line with state aid rules.

Should you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Brian

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