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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your letter of 19 February 2009 in relation to the above State aid notification.

The letter contains detailed questions that will require considerable consultation by the Irish authorities. Additionally, the Government recently

announced an interim review of fiscal and expenditure measures for 2009 which will have an immediate and substantial impact on the workload of this division. On this basis, the Irish authorities wish to request an extension of 10 extra working days to enable a comprehensive reply to be prepared.

We appreciate your understanding on the circumstances in this case.

Regards, Pauline Mulligan.

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