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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1013 OF 20 MARCH

REGIONAL AIDS

1. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM COMMISSION. BEGINS: DEAR SIRS, NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER'S BUDGET SPEECH ON 13 MARCH 1984 REFER TO THE GRADUAL ABOLITION OF THE CAPITAL ALLOWANCES CURRENTLY GRANTED WITHIN THE U.K. CORPORATION TAX SYSTEM. INVESTMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS FOR WHICH SELECTIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN AGREED ON OR BEFORE 13 MARCH 1984 WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CAPITAL ALLOWANCES UNDER THE OLD SCHEME. THIS CONSTITUTES REGIONAL AID, THE GRANT OF WHICH MUST, UNDER ARTICLE 93(3) EEC, BE NOTIFIED TO THE COMMISSION. 1 WOULD ASK YOU, THEREFORE, TO SUBMIT A NOTIFICATION GIVING FULL DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED AID. MAY I REMIND YOU THAT THE PROPOSED AID MEASURE MAY NOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE COMMISSION HAS ASSESSED ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH THE COMMON MARKET, HAVING REGARD TO ARTICLE 92 EEC.

YOURS FAITHFULLY, R.SUNNEN DIRECTOR ENDS.

2. GRATEFUL FOR DRAFT REPLY.

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