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Dear Sirs

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Further to our letter of 3 April 2016, we have reconsidered the Claimant's request that we amend our Response to their Request for Further Information dated 7 March 2017, so that the second part of the Response records the Claimant's requests as well as our responses. We accept that from a practical viewpoint it would be more convenient if the document was arranged in this way. We have therefore drafted an Amended Response and enclose it with this letter.

We have noted an error in our response to the RFI dated 17 February 2017 in paragraph 10. We have accordingly amended our response, with the amendments showing in purple in the enclosed re-re-amended response.

We are mindful that the Claimant has asked that we re-serve our OPEN response to the RFI relating to searches, making similar amendments to those that we have made on the first enclosed document. We are content to undertake this task, and in doing so will reconsider whether it would assist to provide a CLOSED response.

Since the Tribunal has already made it clear that it does not intend to consider any issues relating to searches at the June hearing, we would ask that we be granted an extension of time, so that we can undertake this task following the substantive hearing, rather than deploy limited resources doing so in the next few weeks. We would propose that we serve further Response(s) by Friday 30 June.

Yours faithfully,

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