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Subject: IMPRESS response

Dear Susie,

I attach our response to the submissions which you received through your third call for information on our application. I also attach a signed and dated copy of the IPRT Deed of Variation. I hope that these documents meet your needs; but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like any further information.

I would also like to confirm the arrangements for the open meeting at which the PRP Board will consider IMPRESS's application. We are grateful for your published guidance on this, which states:

'The PRP executive team will attend the meeting to present a summary of the assessment carried out and answer any questions PRP Board members may have about the assessment. A representative of the applying regulator may be asked to attend the meeting in person or be available by phone or video conference in case the PRP Board has any questions that the PRP executive team cannot answer or would like to discuss any aspect of the application with the applicant.'

As you know, our application consists of a large amount of paperwork, which represents thousands of hours of work by numerous groups and individuals, including some – such as members of the IMPRESS Appointment Panel – who have operated quite separately from our Board and are not expected to attend the PRP Board meeting.

It is quite possible, therefore, that those of us who do attend the meeting may be unable to provide an immediate answer to a particular question. It is also possible that a PRP Board member may ask us a question which we have previously addressed in the course of our application or which is irrelevant to the recognition process. In each case, we may require time to consult one or other of our colleagues or legal advisers before responding.

Clearly, it is in the public interest to ensure that the PRP Board's decision-making is conducted efficiently and effectively. Therefore, and in order to ensure that any

answers we provide are as accurate, comprehensive and relevant as possible, and that any time we need to consider our answers does not sporadically delay proceedings, we would request that IMPRESS be given time at the end of the meeting to consider any questions which it was not able to answer immediately and that the PRP agree to a short adjournment for that consideration to take place. IMPRESS will provide a prompt oral response if possible, but may seek the PRP's agreement to a written response if an oral response is not possible.

Best, Jonathan

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