

Appendix A – State Declaration

Dear Sir/Madam,

Account No.

Address

State Aid De Minimis Exemption

State Aid rules exist to avoid public funded interventions distorting competition within the European Union. You should note carefully the requirements needed to comply with the European State Aid rules and if need be, refer to the relevant legislation. Details are available at www.gov.uk/state-aid.

You are being considered for assistance under the De Minimis Regulation (Regulation 1998/2006). The De Minimis Regulation allows an enterprise to receive up to 200,000 Euros De Minimis Aid over any period of three fiscal years (as set out in EC Regulation 1998/2006 as published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 28 December 2006).

To establish whether you are eligible to receive De Minimis aid you must declare the full amount of De Minimis aid which you have already been granted during the previous two fiscal years and the current fiscal year. Any assistance you may have received from a public body might be a De Minimis aid. This could be from central, regional, devolved governments or agencies or a local authority.

Please complete the enclosed Statement of Previous Aid received under the De Minimis exemption and arrange for a director of your business to sign the declaration. We will use this information to assess your eligibility to receive assistance.

The following is not a comprehensive list of all possible forms of aid. However, it should give you an indication of common forms of aid which you may have been given. If you have received De Minimis aid, you should have been given a letter informing you that the assistance you were given was under the De Minimis Regulation.

Forms of possible aid:

- State grants
- Interest rate relief
- Tax relief
- Tax credits
- State guarantees or holdings
- State provision of goods or services on preferential items
- Direct subsidies
- Tax exemptions
- Preferential interest rates
- Guarantees of loans on especially favourable terms
- Acquisitions of land or buildings either gratuitously or on favourable terms
- Provision of goods and services on preferential terms
- Indemnities against operating losses
- Reimbursements of costs in the event of success
- State guarantees, whether direct or indirect, to credit operations preferential re-discount rates
- Dividend guarantees
- Preferential public ordering
- Reduction of, or exemption from, charges or taxes, including accelerated depreciation and the reduction of social contributions
- Deferred collection of fiscal or social contributions
- Assistance financed by special levies
- Capital transfers
- Certain State holdings in the capital of undertakings

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Statement of Previous Assistance/Aid Received

I confirm thathas received the following De Minimis aid during the previous 3 fiscal years (this being the current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal years):

Organisation Providing the Assistance/Aid	Value of Assistance	Date of Assistance	Nature of Assistance

I acknowledge that I am authorised to sign on behalf of and understand the requirements of De Minimis (EC Regulations 1998/2006).

.....is not a business "in difficulty" as defined at 2.1 of the Community Guidelines and State Aid for Rescuing and Restructuring Firms in Difficulty (2004/C22/02) at the date of this declaration.

I understand that if claimed incorrectly, any relief awarded will be recovered by the Council.

By signing below, I confirm that I representand that the information set out above is accurate for the purposes of the De Minimis exemption.

SIGNATURE:.....

NAME:.....
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BUSINESS:.....
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POSITION:.....
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DATE:.....